

# THOUSANDS OF COAL MINERS OUT.

## WANT LIVING WAGES.

### Coal Supply Threatened Railroads Confiscating all the Fuel in Sight.

One hundred and fifty thousand miners in the states of West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana are now striking for higher wages. Operators are becoming timid and there is a general belief that the coal supply will soon be exhausted.

The miners are receiving sympathy from organizing labor throughout the entire country. Thus far there have been no acts of violence reported, although United States marshals are present at some of the mines.

The railroads are commencing to confiscate coal upon their tracks, no matter to whom the fuel is consigned.

The railroads do this by virtue of being carriers of United States Mail.

At a meeting held in Pittsburgh a few days ago, M. D. Tamm, president of the United Miners, reported that the strike was general, with the exception of the West Virginia field, and that unless the West Virginia miners can be got out the strike would be a failure.

It was said that the Virginia miners in settling the coal miners strike, the miners of West Virginia were necessary; that hundreds of organizers should be thrown into the mining villages of the Mountain state to preach the gospel of unionism to the belated miners who were ignoring themselves and their fellow miners by working at this critical time.

The arbitration boards of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois had requested Gov. Hastings, of Pennsylvania, to assist them in settling the coal miners strike, but that neither the operators nor the striking miners had requested him to act in such capacity.

Ten thousand coal miners, representing 42 big bituminous, anthracite and lignite plants of the Pittsburgh coal district, accepted the general strike order of the national miners' executive board Tuesday and refused to go to work. Sixty-two mines are held to be absolutely idle.

Twenty-six mines are working, but have been operated. The organized miners' officials claimed that the Panhandle plant of M. A. Hanna & Co., where ironclad contracts are in force, was idle; the operators held it was working.

## TROLLEY CARS COLLIDE.

Twenty-five persons were seriously injured in an electric car collision at Pittsburgh Tuesday evening. Rain on the Fourth necessitated a delay in the display of fireworks, and thousands of people went to Schenley Park the following evening to witness the exhibition. The street cars were crowded with people returning home, especially on the Forbes street line on which there are several steep grades.

At Soho the first car was stopped to let off a passenger, and another car was moving slowly behind it. Then followed a fourth car with a trailer. The motor man lost control of this car and it dashed forward, crashing into the cars which were ahead. There were at least 25 persons in the wreck. The twenty-five injured were removed to their homes and to the hospitals as soon as possible. Traffic on the line was delayed for several hours.

W. A. Manley, one of the injured, died the day of the wreck.

## THROUGH AN OPEN DRAW.

Trolley Car Falls Into the River and Four Persons were Drowned.

An interurban electric car, bound for Saginaw from Bay City, Mich., crashed through the open draw of the high iron bridge Wednesday and the seven passengers were carried down into the river. A woman, Mrs. William McClelland, of Bay City, and three children were drowned. The three other passengers were men. They were seriously injured, but will recover. The body of the woman was recovered. The motor man and conductor escaped with slight injuries by jumping. The three male passengers jumped, but all were injured. R. E. Gerken, assistant general freight agent of the Michigan Central, and Frank Mayo, of Essexville, were badly injured. It is believed the motor man was racing with an F. & P. M. train and could not stop the car after the bridge had begun to swing. T. P. Klump, a traveling man from Geneva, was so badly injured that he can not recover.

## Counterfeiters Arrested.

United States secret service agents at New York have made four more arrests in connection with the counterfeiting of about \$200,000 Costa Rican bank notes. The prisoners are Louis Hausman, Mrs. Betsy Chevin, Frederick Mora and Herman Dohn. Hausman is the foreman of the Spanish-American printing company at Lexington, Ky., and is the president of the concern. The latter, with Mrs. Rieman, of Pittsburgh, were arrested some time ago as the principals in the counterfeiting scheme, whose object it is said was to help on a revolt in the island of Costa Rica. Mrs. Chevin is the mother-in-law of De Requesens, Dohn, who is a lithographer, is believed to have printed the counterfeiters at his place of business.

## A Fortunate Letter.

W. P. Persons, of Los Angeles, Cal., out of work, attempted to murder his 8-year-old daughter Tuesday and then committed suicide. He told the child that she would be able to see her mother, who is dead, if she took poison with him. He made her drink carbolic acid and drank prussic acid himself. He had sent a letter to a friend named Ball, telling of the deed, which he expected would be delivered Tuesday, but it was delivered Monday night late and Ball hurried to the room of Person in time to find him gasping his last breath. The girl was taken to the hospital, and although her tongue and throat were burned her life was saved.

## Lives Lost in a Cyclone.

A cyclone passed through Lowrie, Minn., Tuesday, causing loss of life and great destruction of property. The dead are: Samuel Morrow and Annie Morrow, aged 9 years. Nine were injured. From Lowrie the cyclone moved toward Reno, causing great destruction. The farm house and barn of Ives Leigen were wrecked. All the buildings on Robert Peacock's farm were swept away, three persons injured. All buildings on Thomas Andrews' farm, including a new brick dwelling, were a total wreck. The family escaped, taking refuge in the cellar.

## An Independent Ticket.

At the meeting of the State Executive committee of the National Democratic party at Columbus, O., the State Central committee was instructed to call a convention some time in September for the purpose of placing an independent State ticket in the field. It was also decided to ask the county organizations of the party to place independent legislative tickets in the field.

# TERRE TELEGRAMS.

Seven persons died from heat at St. Louis Friday.

Conductor Haley was shot and killed at Youngstown, O., by an unknown man.

The boiler of a threshing machine exploded at Harveysville, Tenn., and nine people lost their lives.

The sea-serpent is said to be depositing himself in the neighborhood of New London, Conn.

"Tommy" Burns, the well-known diver, was killed while diving from a ship's pier, in London.

Employees of the Morgan & Wright tire company, of Chicago, have stolen \$10,000 worth of tires.

Dr. L. D. Craig was drowned at Dayton, O., Friday, in the presence of his wife. She is crazed by the shock.

Benson Everett, a Yale student, and James Treadwell were drowned Thursday while bathing at Kingston, N. Y.

Mrs. Augusta Nack has been committed without bail in New York on the charge of murdering William Golden-suppe.

Col. James Andrews, president of the Pittsburgh Steel and Iron Company, died a few days ago at his home in Allegheny.

Ham cooked in a copper boiler poisoned 200 persons at Foughkeepsie, N. Y. Prompt action of physicians prevented fatalities.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Le Cluse, each nearly 70 years old, were found dead in their home in Bayport, N. Y. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause.

Theodor Sella, an aged New Mexican woman, was murdered, being accused of witchcraft. She was dragged to death, having been tied to two horses.

Proprietors of the 25 breweries in Detroit are each planning to sell out to an English syndicate. As a result beer will be advanced from \$4 and \$5 per barrel to \$6.

The convention of Reform Jewish Rabbis at Montreal passed a resolution strongly condemning the plan of establishing an independent Jewish state in Palestine.

A. Winebrenner, who was arrested a few days ago for cruelty to his step-children, was taken from jail at Beatrice, Neb., by a mob, horsewhipped and tarred and feathered.

It is said Mrs. Langtry will shortly marry Prince Esterhazy de Galantha. He is aged 60. He is a great sportsman, and the purchaser of horses for the American government.

Count De Castellane, Anna Gould's husband, has been refused membership in the Jockey club of Paris. One black ball was sufficient to bar him, but he received 288 black balls.

John Spencer, an eccentric Chicago sailor, killed \$1,700 to his Newfoundland dog the other day. He said he did not want his dog kicked and cuffed about the world as he had been.

The Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh has secured a \$1,000,000 contract. They will furnish electrical equipment for the St. Lawrence Power Co., of Massena Springs, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Halliday, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church in Brooklyn, and formerly assistant to the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, died at Orange, N. J., a few days ago.

A serious riot occurred at the Crescent tin plate mills at Cleveland a few days ago. Newcomers had arrived to take the place of strikers at the mills and many were injured in the fight which ensued.

A syndicate led by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. is reported to have purchased from the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company \$20,000,000 of the refunding 3 1/2 per cent bonds, to be used in taking up outstanding obligations.

William Gillette, the American actor, has been dangerously ill in London for more than a week, and has been confined to his bed most of the time. He will be compelled to retire from the stage for the present.

Twenty-two buildings burned Wednesday at De Kalb Junction, N. Y., destroying the village. Two hundred men fought the flames, and most of the household furniture was saved. Loss, \$40,000; insurance \$21,000.

Mrs. Abbie Myers, aged 70, of Bridgeport, N. J., was shot at by Joseph Morrison Saturday. Mrs. Myers made an attempt to shoot her relatives, who want to get possession of her farm.

The B. & O. receivers have been granted permission by Judge Coff at Baltimore to purchase \$850,000 worth of the bonds. The rails will be obtained from the Carnegie Company.

Lightning struck a 4,000-barrel oil tank two miles south of Olean, N. Y., Saturday. A cannon was secured and shots fired at the surrounding tanks to allow the oil to escape and prevent other tanks from exploding. The loss was \$100,000.

Thomas H. Merritt, aged 40, son of Frank Merritt, of Louisville, Ky., a well-known pension agent, was shot and instantly killed at Lexington, by Jacob F. Harris, a commercial traveler. Harris saw Merritt kissing Mrs. Harris.

While using a dynamite cartridge in making street excavations at Lexington, Ky., six negroes were blown to atoms.

The Mississippi river at Minneapolis is within six inches of the highest mark reached in the unprecedented floods of April last. Between 4,000 and 5,000 men are out of employment as a result of the necessary closing down of the sawmills, and there will be heavy losses on logs if the rise continues.

Raymond Green, aged 5, was playing around a mortar and pestle in Jeffersonville, where he had been filled with lime, and was undergoing the suffocation process. The child was attracted by the bubbling and leaped into the mortar. He was almost burned to a crisp. No hope is entertained of his recovery.

J. S. Cathon, of Cleveland, dashed himself from the observatory top of the Equitable building, Monday, to a grating just below the second floor, about 200 feet. He was killed instantly. The top of his head was crushed and almost every bone in his body was broken. He lived at 825 Superior street, Cleveland. No reason is assigned for the deed.

Sam Small's daughter is going on the stage. Tragedian Robert Downing says that she will appear under his auspices during the coming season in plays like "Ingotari," "Honey and Juliet." Mr. Small does not oppose his daughter's ambition to be an actress. He takes a liberal view of the stage and has many friends among theatrical people.

John Henry Barker, colored, was arrested at New York, Tuesday, for wife murder. The crime was committed on August 30, 1895, just outside of White Plains. Barker was jealous of his wife and after being separated from her for some time returned on the date mentioned and shot her to death, afterwards hacking her body with a spade.

A disturbance was created at Monterey, Cal., over the display of a Portuguese flag beside the American ensign instead of below it over Orton's grocery store. Citizens took down the Portuguese flag, and finding it again removed it and burned it. Orton has complained to the Portuguese government.

# THE TARIFF BILL FINALLY PASSED.

## BONDS TAXED.

### Six Weeks of Discussion Results in a New Revenue Measure.

By the decisive vote of 35 to 28 the tariff bill was passed in the senate Wednesday. The culmination of the long and arduous struggle had excited the keenest interest, and the floor and galleries of the senate chamber were crowded by those anxious to witness the closing scene.

An analysis of the final vote shows that the affirmative was cast by thirty-two Republicans, two silver Republicans, Jones of Nevada and Mantle, and one Democrat, McEnery. Total, 35.

The negative vote was cast by twenty-five Democrats, two Populists, Harris of Kansas and Turner, and one silver Republican, Cannon. Total, 28.

Eight Republicans were paired for the bill and eight Democrats against it. The senators present and not voting were: Populists, five, viz: Allen, Butler, Heifield, Kyle and Stewart; silver Republicans, two, Jones and Mantle.

One of the most important new provisions added by the senate is that placing a stamp tax on bonds, debentures and certificates of stock. Aside from these more important changes, the bill as it goes back to the house, has 874 amendments, of various degrees of importance, which must be reconciled between the two branches of congress.

The tariff debate began on May 25, on which day Mr. Aldrich, in behalf of the finance committee, made the opening statement on the bill. The actual consideration of the bill began the next day, May 26, when schedule A, relating to chemicals was taken up. The debate has been continuous since then, covering six weeks and one day. It has been notable in some respects, although it has lacked many of the dramatic and oratorical features marking past debates. From the outset the advocates of the bill refrained from set speeches, and the discussion was characterized by a consideration of rates and schedules rather than general principles. Allison has been in charge.

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## FOR THE NATIONAL GUARDS.

Money to be Distributed Among the Various State Organizations.

Secretary Alger has issued an order allotting to the various states the annual appropriations to provide for the equipments of the militia out of the sum of \$400,000 authorized by the last congress. Of this amount the national guard of New York comes in for the largest share, securing \$130,000, with California next, \$110,000; Ohio next with \$100,000; Missouri, \$14,000; Massachusetts, \$12,000; Kansas and Georgia follow with big military organizations which entitle them to \$12,000 each and various other states, ranging from \$10,000 to Utah and Nevada which each will draw \$2,000.

## Senator Harris Dead.

Senator Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee, died at his home in Washington Thursday. He had been ill for some time. Probably no man in public life had been identified with more of the history of the country than Senator Harris. He had almost completed his 79th year, having been born in Tennessee in February, 1818, and first became a member of congress in 1849. His congressional career thus began earlier than that of any member of either house, antedating Senators Morrill and Sherman by seven years and Hon. Galusha A. Grow, now a member of the house from Pennsylvania, by one year.

## Not Much Money Used.

Consul-General Lee's report to the state department regarding the distribution of rations, costing 25 cents each, to destitute Americans in Cuba, shows that up to this time only \$6,000 of the \$50,000 appropriated by congressional resolutions have been required, and that he still has funds on hand to last several months. Very little money has been used to return Americans to this country, although it was expected that numbers would take advantage of the opportunity afforded by congress for free transportation from the plague-ridden island this summer.

## Getting Ahead of the Tariff.

In connection with other heavy importations to circumvent the forthcoming tariff increases, the bureau of American republics learns that a prominent American wool buyer, in the Buenos Aires market, estimates his actual purchases of the season's clip at not far from \$2,000,000 United States gold. He chartered a large steamer to load entirely with wool for the United States.

## Would Increase the Revenue.

Secretary Gage has written a letter to Senator Allison, suggesting the advisability of putting a tax of 1 cent a pound on all refined sugar made from stock imported prior to the passage of the pending tariff bill. It is the opinion of the custom officials of the treasury that this duty would increase the government revenues by several millions, and that the hardship would fall on those best able to bear it. What action the senate committee will take on the suggestion is not known.

## Crop Report.

The July returns to the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture indicate the following average conditions: Corn, 82.3; winter wheat, 81.2; spring wheat, 91.2; combined spring and winter wheat, 84.9; oats, 87.5; winter rye, 85.0; spring rye, 78.5; fish potatoes, 87.8. The report on the average of corn shows a decrease of 1.2 per cent, as compared with that of last year. This represents a decrease of about 1,600,000 acres. The condition is 9.5 points lower than last year.

## CAPITAL NOTES.

The funeral services over the late Senator Isham G. Harris occurred in the Senate chamber Saturday. President McKinley and members of his cabinet were present.

The pleadings of a daughter persuaded President McKinley to grant a pardon in the case of E. R. Carter, who was sentenced at New York to six years imprisonment for embezzling \$30,000.

# CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

## Host of Delegates Meet in Convention at San Francisco.

The proceedings of the Christian Endeavor convention at San Francisco opened with prayer meetings from 6.30 to 7.15 Thursday morning in the churches. At 9.30 o'clock the inaugural meetings were conducted in the Mechanics' building, where the headquarters were located. The formal welcome was given by Rev. E. R. Wilke and the welcome of the committee of 1897 was delivered by Detroit V. Watt. Rev. John Hemphill made the address of welcome on the part of the San Francisco pastors. He compared Francis E. Clark, president of the Endeavorers, with Peter the Hermit, who preached the crusades in Europe several centuries ago. Lieut. Gov. Jeter then welcomed the delegates and their friends in behalf of the State of California. Rev. Ira Landroth, of Nashville, responded to the address of welcome. President Clark delivered his annual message, "A World Encircling Religious Movement: How Shall It Fulfill God's Design?"

On Sunday the Endeavorers held meetings over the city, all the pulpits being occupied by famous preachers. One of the features of Sunday's meeting in the big hall was the singing of "Throw out the Life Line," by some of San Francisco's unformed police-

The convention will be held at Nashville in 1898 and in 1900 the general de-vice is to have the convention held in London.

## INHERITS A MILLION.

Young Man Takes an Ocean Trip Which Was Not Contemplated.

H. Corine, of St. Paul, a traveler for a shoe factory, dropped in a few days ago to see his old friend, Edwin Warren, manager of the liquidation of claims department of the Travelers' Insurance Company at New York. While chatting a telegram was handed to him which informed him that he had fallen heir to \$1,000,000 by the death of a relative in Stockholm, Sweden. Mr. Corine, who had not even thought of going to Europe to find out what steamer sailed first for Europe. He learned that the Cunard Etruria was to sail at 1 p. m. so he drove to the pier and without any baggage embarked. He had not even thought of going to Europe to find out what steamer sailed first for Europe. He learned that the Cunard Etruria was to sail at 1 p. m. so he drove to the pier and without any baggage embarked. He had not even thought of going to Europe to find out what steamer sailed first for Europe. He learned that the Cunard Etruria was to sail at 1 p. m. so he drove to the pier and without any baggage embarked.

## Prince Drank German Beer.

John Christ, a Greek, has just returned from his native country whither he went last February in response to the call of King George. Prince Constantine proved himself a terrible coward throughout the war, was the way Christ summed up the leader of the Greek army. "Not only was he a coward, but a stupid man, too," German beer and cognac were his favorite beverages, and he took sufficient to disqualify any man from commanding a large body of men. The Greek soldiers distrusted him from the hour that they learned he was drinking German beer. We know that the Greeks would partake of the beverage of a hated nation. Germany was Greece's enemy, and we wanted nothing in common with her.

## Must Have Our Hops.

It is altogether likely that the surplus stock of hops in the United States, held principally by brewers, will have some serious inroads made into it this year for export to England, because of the smallness of the crop here. The average being the smallest known in 20 years. Louis R. Scaries, one of the large dealers in New York State and Pacific coast hops, says that even with the most favorable crop reports in England, the surplus probably will be there must be large importations from the continent and the United States, and the brewers will be obliged to use up considerable of their surplus of two years ago.

## On the Brink of a Chasm.

The Christian Endeavor excursion train from Oregon had a narrow escape from a frightful wreck Tuesday two miles from Cottonwood, Cal. Charles Woodruff, a former member of the railroad, had discovered that the trestle 20 feet long had been burned out. The train was rapidly approaching, and in a few minutes more would have plunged through the trestle into the deep ravine below. Woodruff hurriedly brought the train to a stop a few feet from the yawning chasm. The train then backed to Cottonwood, where the Endeavorers celebrated their deliverance with hymns and prayers.

## They Died Without Regret.

A great sensation has been caused in Paris by the discovery that four dress-makers have committed suicide by inhaling charcoal fumes in a flat belonging to the well-to-do Mme. Maresca. Mme. Maresca has long suffered from melancholia because of the insanity of her husband, and is supposed that she instigated the act and persuaded the others, who were either deserted by their husbands or their lovers, to do it. In the evening, partook of a sumptuous dinner with wine, sang and smoked until late, and concluded life with the statement in writing signed by all: "We die deliberately and without any regrets."

## Warship on the Way.

His majesty, the sultan of Morocco, is to be coerced by American cruisers in order that just punishment may be inflicted on two of his subjects, who assaulted an American citizen. The cruisers San Francisco and Raleigh are now on their way to Tangiers at the request of Consul General David N. Burke, who asked for the warships because the Moorish government had ignored his requests that the assassins of the American be punished. Admiral Selfridge, who is aboard the San Francisco, will take such steps as are necessary for the punishment of the criminals and the adequate protection of Americans and their interests.

## Rockefeller Sued.

John D. Rockefeller has been sued in the common pleas court at Cleveland by James Corrigan, the vessel owner, for an accounting. Corrigan, who was sued on the present plea of the assets of the American be punished. Admiral Selfridge, who is aboard the San Francisco, will take such steps as are necessary for the punishment of the criminals and the adequate protection of Americans and their interests.

## Agnes Judson.

Agnes Judson, the pretty young daughter of the lighthouse keeper at Stratford Point, on Long Island sound, swam out half a mile Sunday and rescued two men, who had been tossed in their rowboats and were drowning. The girl is quite at home in the water.

## The Fatal Heat.

It is estimated that 250 deaths resulted from the terrible heat last week. So long a reign of extreme heat has not been known in the United States for many years. 87 deaths were reported from Chicago, many persons committing suicide to escape the sun's fearful heat.

# POWERS' ADVICE TO THE SULTAN.

## TO GIVE UP THESSALY.

### The Rulers Dissuade the Turk From Sending Troops Into Crete.

Queen Victoria, Emperor William, Emperor Nicholas, President Faure and King Humbert have replied to the telegrams received by them from the sultan, and all give advice similar to that sent by Emperor Francis Joseph that he give up Thessaly.

Emperor William says in substance that he regrets his inability to dissociate himself from the views held by the other powers. Replies to the circular of the Turkish government to the powers relative to the frontier question have also been received by the ambassadors. They all decline to admit the Turkish pretensions.

The reports have sent another circular to the powers, proposing that, in the event of the disturbed condition existing in Crete, Turkey send reinforcements to the island. To this the powers have also replied, endeavoring to dissuade the sultan from such a step. This latest proposal on the part of the Turkish government is held to indicate that the sultan does not intend to yield in regard to the frontier question.

## WANTS TO FIGHT.

Turkey Dissatisfied with the Inactivity of the Powers.

A few days ago the Porte dispatched a circular to its representatives abroad containing a skillful defense of the Turkish case and declining to consider any frontier line in Thessaly north of the River Peneios, which it regards as the natural boundary.

It appears that the Sultan has convinced himself that the Powers will not resort to coercion, and has decided to test the alleged concert of Europe to the utmost. On Monday he summoned a council of Ministers for an extraordinary sitting to the Yildiz Kiosk, with the result that after a heated discussion a report was drawn up in favor of rearing hostilities, if peace should not be concluded within a week. The Minister of War sent a telegram to Edhem Pasha announcing the decision.

The Turks are rapidly strengthening their position in Thessaly, massing troops at Domoko, fortifying Velestino and in other ways intrenching themselves more firmly. The Thessalian harvest has already been reaped by the Turkish soldiers and large quantities of grain have been stored at Ellassona. According to a circumstantial report of a conversation between the Sultan and an officer of his household, Abdul Hamid complained that the war had been forced upon him, and that when he was victorious Europe refused him either territory or indemnity. Therefore, he intended to resist to the utmost.

After a discussion lasting over an hour the Cabinet decided that the President should send to Congress a message recommending legislation providing for a commission to adjust the currency questions of the country. It is the expectation of the President that the subject will receive the attention of Congress during the present extra session.

## King of Bulgaria.

The Italia published a report of an interview with M. Stoloff, the Bulgarian premier, in which he says that Prince Ferdinand has no present intention of proclaiming himself king of Bulgaria, but that this would come with the settlement of affairs between Turkey and Greece. M. Stoloff says he is convinced that Turkey never believed in the possibility of her retaining Thessaly.

## 200 Spaniards Killed.

Reports from Cuba say that while 200 Spanish soldiers were passing through a defile a band of insurgents fired a dynamite shell into their midst, and an immense hole in the wall was made, and shook the walls of the canyon so that they fell inward, burying the Spaniards. Only three escaped.

## FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

It is believed that Von Bulow will succeed Hohenzoln as the German chancellor.

The czar is preventing the efforts of Emperor William to meet President Faure in Russia.

Refusing the people to hold a public meeting in the town hall at Huda Pest, necessitated the calling out of troops to quell the resulting riot.

Eight anarchists have been arrested in Rome on suspicion of connection with the attempt of Pietro Acciaro to assassinate King Humbert on April 23.

Capt. Cel of the Bersaglieri, at Rome, has invented a rifle from which a single shot in a minute may be fired without removing the weapon from the shoulder. Tests of the new arm are being made by the government.

A great labor strike has been inaugurated in London. It will undoubtedly be the most serious uprising of the century. Over 100,000 engineers will strike and the agitation is spreading to all the allied trades.

Advices from the south of France show that the destruction by the floods will reach 200,000,000 francs in the aggregate. Hardly a village has escaped damage and the number of persons drowned is quite large.

Emperor William, while walking upon the deck of his yacht at Odde, Norway, recently, while one of the masts was being lowered, was struck a violent blow on the left eye by a rope, causing an extravasation of blood on the eyeball.

It is announced from Rome that the pope intends making some important changes in ecclesiastical music. He will sanction female voices at liturgical service. He will advise against the violin, while approving the harp and gentler wind instruments.

The government of Colombia has offered the monopoly of the production and sale of matches for a period of 25 years to public competition. The person securing the contract must establish factories in certain departments; reduce the present price of matches from 19 to 29 per cent, and pay for his monopoly 640,000 francs per annum, making an advance payment of 8,000,000 francs on account.

The special commission sent to India to study the bubonic plague reports that in a majority of cases the bacilli enter the body through the skin, although they sometimes enter through the lungs or by the tonsils. The rat appears to be the only animal spontaneously infected, and it is unlikely that the disease will enter Europe under the present methods of supervision except perhaps, through rats in ships.

## THE NEW TARIFF.

Chairman Dingley Says it Will Meet All Government Expenses.

Chairman Dingley, of the Ways and Means committee, assumes that the new tariff law will, after the enormous stock of foreign goods now on hand and has been absorbed, produce sufficient revenue to comfortably meet the expenses of the government.

# TRADE REVIEW.

## Fuel Supply Threatened by the Great Coal Miners' Strike.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports: The strike of bituminous coal miners has taken 75,000 men or more from work and threatens to restrict supplies of fuel in some quarters, other mines which decline to take part claim to be able to meet the eastern demand for some months. At the West the strike is by no means untidly sustained, and the impression prevails that it will not last long. The tin plate works have settled the wage question and are again busy, and show a production of 4,500,000 boxes yearly, with a capacity of 6,250,000 boxes. The bar mills have more trouble, but a general amount of iron and steel wages is expected without much delay. New orders are small since the annual vacation began, but yet are large enough, the season considered, to afford some encouragement. Tin is stronger at 14.00, with a 100,000 ton contract, and with a large export demand, at 11.50 for lake, while in lead sales of 1,900 tons or more leave the price about 3.70. The cotton mills have a steady and increasing demand, and the quotation amount to 14.00 for standard, against an advanced a sixteenth, aided by speculative strength on reports of damage to the crop, especially in Texas and Arkansas. The woolen mills are getting ready for new orders for fall wools and beginning hopefully on spring goods, but are cautious in contracts made for future delivery. Some have made large purchases of wool, but by far the greater part of the sales, which amount to 1,100,000 lbs., was made on the three chief markets for the week, have been of a speculative character. Western prices are held much above those of seaboard markets, Montana secured being sold, according to reports, at the equivalent of 42 1/2 cents against 38 at Boston and 40 at Philadelphia. There is a better demand for domestic wool, in expectation of higher prices. While the most cautious estimate of the wheat yield has been advanced, that of the United States is against 575,000,000 bushels, prices have been lifted nearly 3/4c here, although Atlantic exports, flour included, were for the week 1,503,852 bushels, against 1,418,335 bushels last year. Eastern receipts are the equivalent of 1,394,522 bushels against 2,373,409 bushels last year, and the disposition of farmers to hold for higher figures is strengthened by many foreign reports. It seems to be the fact that wheat in other countries is promising than usual, which the demand for American wheat is supplemented, even at this season, by exports of 2,605,594 bushels of corn, against 530,610 bushels for the same week last year. Each week with each week, and an immense crop is now anticipated.

Failures for the week have been 206 in the United States, against 215 last year, and 30 in Canada, against 25 last year.

## FIREMEN'S HARD WORK.

Saves a Man from Being Buried by Quicksands in New York.

A gang of firemen were engaged nearly all the forenoon of Tuesday in New York in a struggle to save a workman from being engulfed by quicksands in Henry street. The man's name is Jones, and he lives in Brooklyn. He was at work twelve feet down in the excavation, which is thirteen feet square and lined with planks. Without warning the planking gave way and the quicksand of the street poured in on him. Before he could give the alarm, he was engulfed and the possibility of his rescue by a truck house for help. Twelve men were detailed, who hurried to the spot with shovels and began digging. The sand entered faster than it could be shoveled out. The imperiled man called for a priest, and Father Spillman was summoned. He at once prepared to administer this last consolation of religion of the Catholic church. For two hours the battle was waged, but apparently without avail. The slightest slackening of the sand caused it to dig down, and the sand would win the mastery. Just before 12 o'clock the man was almost free. The word passed through the crowd and a murmur of congratulation rose that changed to a groan as the man's head and shoulders were redoubled their efforts and at 12:20 the man was freed.

## Many Drownings.

Four pleasure-seekers in a skiff were run down by a steamer on the river at Little Rock, Monday, and drowned. They were Joseph and John Dante, brothers, of Pine Bluff, and Misses Johanna Sanders and Mary Arber.

Four people were drowned in St. Louis bay, Monday, and drowned. They were the capsizing of a rowboat, a party of seven, three young ladies and four men, left Itasca, Wis., for Minnesota Point in a small boat. The others were saved with great difficulty. The dead are: Emily McDonald, aged 17, Ida McDonald, 24, Daniel McDonald, 19, John McCurry, 25.

George Reilly, a ranchman, his wife and two children were drowned in the Rio Grande at San Antonio, Tex., while trying to cross the river in a skiff.

## No Work and Suicide.

A man and woman, apparently dying, were found on a raft of logs above Cincinnati on Thursday. Near the raft the dead body of an infant was taken from the water. The wrists of the man and woman were bound together, and at the city hospital the regained consciousness, but begged to be permitted to die. The man said they were out of work and wanted to die. The woman corroborated this, saying her husband had abandoned her with the infant, and then she cut her wrists. They had removed everything to give a clue to their names. The babe had been killed by a blow and then thrown into the river.

## A Successful Flying Machine.

A paper was read before the Academy of Sciences in Paris recently recording the experiments of the French aeronaut, M. Tatin. O. G. Courmes in emulation of Prof. Langley's experiments on the Potomac with a steam flying machine. M. Tatin's machine was nearly three times as heavy as Prof. Langley's and had a double instead of a single propeller. It attained a speed of 14 meters per second as against Prof. Langley's 10, but the length of the run was only 140 meters as against Prof. Langley's kilometer.

## BEI EF MENTION.

The ground about Leadville, Col., was covered by an inch of snow on Saturday morning.

Seeking refuge from the heat five boys lost their lives swimming at Pittsburgh on the Fourth.

A St. Louis man named Marglauff committed suicide on Saturday on account of the intense heat.

The Akron, O., Crucible and Steel Company's plant was destroyed by fire Sunday, causing a loss of \$100,000.

The village of Lake Ann, Mich., was almost entirely wiped out by fire Saturday.