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THE COAL MINERS READY TO STRIKE

President May be Called on to Avert General Walk-Out.

GREATEST KNOWN MAY OCCUR

Both Sides Claim That They Hold an Advantage Should Strike in the Mines Take Place—Some Think Strike Not Near.

New York, February 7.—It was suggested yesterday that President Roosevelt be called on to use his influence to avert the general strike of the anthracite coal miners. It will be greatest known.

W. K. Truesdale of the D., L. & H. railway says the strike is no nearer settled than six weeks ago.

It is anticipated that by April 1st there will be a general strike beyond anything ever known.

Electric Light Plant Starts.

Monroe, Ga., Feb. 6.—Some months ago the city voted $45,000 for the installation of water works and electric light plant. It has been completed and is in operation. The services of Joseph B. McCrary, consulting engineer, of Atlanta, were engaged, who prepared plans and specifications for the plant. The building of this plant has been under the supervision of a water and light commission, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Nunnally, B. S. Walker and C. T. Mobley.

Nine Dead in Flames.

Rennes, Feb. 6.—All the buildings of the Home for the Aged in the Faubourg of Paris, kept by the Little Sisters of the Poor, have been destroyed by fire. Nine bodies have been found in the ruins. Three women died from fright. Chaplain Stenou, while attempting to save the inmates of the home, fell and was seriously injured.

Is Topic of Discussion.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—rmy officers, who arrived here on the transport Logan, report that the prospect of trouble in China is the chief topic of discussion in army circles in Manila. The Thirteenth infantry and two squadrons of the Eighth cavalry have been ordered to prepare themselves for field service.

Bomb Explosion Kills Twelve.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The Lokal Anzeiger today printed a dispatch from Kattowitz, Prussian Silesia, announcing that a private house at Silce, across the Russian frontier, has been destroyed by the explosion of a bomb. The bodies of 12 persons can be seen in the ruins, and it is believed many others were killed.

Once Wealthy; Dies Penniless.

New York, Feb. 6.—William S. Meade died in a Park Row lodging house penniless, and alone, at 80 years of age. Forty years ago his wealth was estimated at $250,000. He made it by invention for preserving meat and lost it in cruises to the south seas in search of pirate treasures.

Swith Engine Gets Away.

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 6.—A switch engine got away from the yards of the Southern railroad and raced 5 miles toward Chattanooga before it was overtaken by an engine sent after it from the city. The engine had lain idle five hours, and the cause of its running away is unknown.

Death of Lady Grey.

London, Feb. 6.—Lady Grey, wife of Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, who sustained concussion of the brain by being thrown from her trap at Ellingham, Northumberland, last Thursday, died without having regained consciousness.

Held for Shoplifting.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 6.—Lee Graham, a negro, is held at police station as a porter for the Flournoy Grocery company, who has been implicated in several shoplifting excursions. Graham was said to have stolen a quantity of groceries.

THE NEWS FROM SANTA FE.

Closing of Public School—Cotton Acreage Reduced—Other Notes.

Santa Fe, Feb. 7.—The Santa Fe public school closed one of the most successful terms of its history on Friday, Feb 2. The patrons and friends of the school turned out in picnic style and gave the teachers a rousing send-off. The patrons are well pleased with the advancement their children have made under the efficient management of Prof. J. R. Durrance as principal, ably assisted by Miss Georgia Martin. They show their appreciation for the work of these teachers by instructing the trustees, by a unanimous rising vote participated in by all the students, to secure their services for the next term, which is indeed complimentary to those two young teachers. After partaking of one of those bountiful dinners which the good ladies know so well how to prepare, the crowd reassembled in the house and listened to the recitations of the students and speeches by the patrons. Interesting discourses were delivered by Hon. T. A. Doke, member of the school board; Hon. W. M. Blitch, W. D. Holder, J. H. Cason, D. B. Pope, S. L. Crews and others. In conclusion Prof. Durrance delivered a touching speech to the students and to the parents, which was well received. The day was well spent, and will long be remembered by those that were present.

It seems now that the scarcity of farm labor will accomplish something after all that the farmers failed to their detriment to do in the past—cut down the acreage of cotton. Cotton at thirteen to sixteen cents per pound is not a fair price, considering the price of labor at this time, nor is it above the price of production.

Mrs. W. M. Blitch is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Rivers, of the University City, this week. She will also visit Mrs. J. J. Godwin of Rex before she returns home.

Grandpa Futch is visiting his sons, W. D. and R. J. Futch of High Springs this week.

W. W. Mott has rented and moved on the place known as the Irvin Holder place, which was recently purchased by a Valdosta company. He will plant a large area in corn and cotton.

E. L. Blitch, Santa Fe's jolly postmaster, visited High Springs Sunday. What is the attraction, Ed?

Prof. Durrance left Saturday for St. Augustine, near which place he will take charge of a school. Good teachers are always in demand.

REFUSED TO DO WORK REQUIRED

Italians Didn't Fancy Life in Fertilizer Factory.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 6.—The city authorities are in a quandary as to what to do with twelve indigent Italian immigrants, who were brought to Savannah some days ago to work for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company.

They found that the work required of them was not of the character they had expected, and quit. They say they are artisans, while common labor was demanded of them by the company.

Complaint was made to the mayor through one of the party, who speaks a bit of English. The mayor understood that the men had been brought here by the Ocean Steamship company, and he proposed to take steps to force the company to take them back to New York. This announcement was followed immediately by the statement of the company that it did not bring the men here, and consequently, was under no obligation to take them away.

Bishop Kelley has become interested in the welfare of the Italians. The bishop speaks their tongue fluently, and has had conferences with them. It may be that some congenial employment will be found for them, or that means for their transportation to New York will be provided.

Dies of Paralysis.

Selma, Ala., Feb. 6.—O. J. Griffin, a prominent citizen and member of the Selma city council, is dead at his home here. He was stricken with paralysis Sunday afternoon. He leaves a wife and seven children.

OUR NEW YORK WEEKLY LETTER

Beautiful Displays In Shop Windows. Airy Spring Novelties Shown Beside Winter Furs.

The shops of New York have never presented a more fascinating appearance than during these last few weeks of midwinter when all the between season fashions are displayed at such amazingly low prices. Early spring novelties, which look deliciously fresh after the heavier fabrics of winter, are shown in airy smartness beside automobile coats and furs.

Apropos of furs, the woman who is thoughtful can now procure the most beautiful pieces—coats, muffs, boas, etc.—in such bargains as to make it a good investment for colder weather still to come or for next winter. The luxury of owning a beautiful set of furs is wonderfully gratifying. They lend an air of richness that nothing can equal, and a fur set in three pieces—hat, scarf and muff—can be secured most reasonably. Then, too, fur trimmings are always popular on evening wraps or gowns, and combined with these are some of the choicest of laces which make a hat or muff simply adorable. Devotees of fashion spend hours in the selection of rare old lace, whose filmy trimmings cost a fabulous sum, for lace is like wine—its value increases with age.

Seen in one of the shops this week that is noted for its exquisite lingerie waists were several that showed instead of medallions tiny lace bouquets of such flowers as snowdrops, lilies of the valley, etc., in such wonderful imitations that it would be hard to distinguish them from real lace. These have an air of individuality about them that was not seen in other models.

THE LATEST CREATION IN LINGERIE WAISTS.

German valenciennes in clear cut patterns is found in underwear which can be picked up for a very inconsiderable sum. A pretty petticoat was finished with rows of insertion alternating with tucks, and the absence of a lace edging at the hem meant good wear, for constant laundering could not harm it.

To be described with all dainty things were some stockings whose designing showed a great amount of thought. As smart stockings are worn at all seasons of the year to correspond with gowns, one shop was just overflowing with every variety of production, some of fine silk inset with real lace butterflies. Openwork stockings are not so popular as last season, but the real thing is a fine mesh with hand embroidery. The loud colorings of a season ago have been relegated to the background of the out of dates and are replaced by exquisite pale tints to match pale shaded gowns. Clockwork stockings lend a slenderness to the ankle and are the essence of smartness. A very economical way in selecting fancy silk stockings is to get those having lisle thread feet, as they are more durable.

Nearly every girl, be she rich or poor, has some pet fad in dress that she indulges. One girl with pretty feet shows her individuality in hosiery, and from a shopper's standpoint she has a great variety to choose from; another, having a soft, velvety complexion, enhances it by always appearing in the most original and daintiest of stocks and collars. Her stocks are of the finest embroidered linen, and the more elaborate ones are made of soft chiffons and messalines.

One of the prettiest things ever created to adorn the neck of fair woman was a stock of chiffon messaline taffeta in soft folds, with a turn over of Alice blue embroidered in a miniature design of fleur-de-lis. Long ends of plaited messaline were caught at intervals with fine lace bands. All the new gowns show the collars to be quite high. Some are fastened in the back with tiny bows, which take away the bare appearance and the long line at the back of the neck. They also hide the fastening that spoils the neatness of so many gowns.

[Our readers may have advice on purchasing and any question concerning fashion or fabrics answered without charge by Rene Deveraux, the fashion expert, by addressing Rene Deveraux, P. O. Box 269, Madison Square, New York, inclosing stamp for reply.]

FLORIDA NEWS NOTES.

St. Petersburg has a page write-up in The Jacksonville Metropolis of Tuesday.

Deer hunters are meeting with good success near Bartow. Three hunters killed four in two days.

There is talk of a driveway from Jacksonville along the St. Johns river to the Clay county line and possibly to Palatka.

Wm. Maynard of Miami has been granted a patent on a pin retainer, and Harry Steele has a new patent molding machine.

The body of the man McMullen, who was drowned at Mayport off the dredge Atlantic about three weeks ago, was found Tuesday morning.

The Miami Metropolis is spurring up the citizens of the Magic City to hustle for factories. More cities of the State need to get up a little activity.

G. W. Saunders of Key West, who deserted his wife a few days ago who he recently married, is now wanted for deserting the United States army. His wife is penniless in Tampa.

Mrs. A. C. Bennett of Tangerine was burning off some grass in front of her lot, when her dress caught fire and she was burned so badly she died soon after. She was 77 years old.

The name of Fort Myers was given that place in 1850, it formerly being known as Fort Harvie during the time that Billy Bowlegs and his Seminole Indian band were on the warpath.

Irene Knellinger of Haskell, Polk county, aged six years, was so badly burned while engaged in trying to extinguish a fire in the yard that she died from her injuries one day last week.

Port Inglis is fast coming to the front as a shipping point, and with a small appropriation to improve the harbor will become a factor in the business of the West Coast of no small proportions.

Miami is one of the finest points on the East Coast for pleasure craft and among the recent arrivals is the launch Nemo from Portland, Me., which brought down a party of tourists from the Pine Tree State.

Seven males and seven females were convicted of vagrancy at Bartow last week. Each one was given four months but sentence was suspended during such time as they remained away from blind tigers, dives and gambling houses.

The people of Starke are making an affort to have the permanent site for the encampment of the Florida State troops located on Kingsley Lake, about five miles east of that place. The Seaboard Air Line will build to Kingsley Lake in the event that Starke secures the prize. Being in the central part of the State, with good transportation facilities and with Kingsley Lake the prettiest sheet of water in Florida, Starke appears to have a good chance to get the prize. No better location could be had.

THE DISPENSARY IS KNOCKED OUT

House of Representatives in South Carolina Repeals the Law.

MORGAN BILL IS TRIUMPHANT

The City of Charleston is Provided With High License—Local Option Will be Put in Force in the Counties. Local Control Will Govern.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 7.—The Morgan bill providing for the abolishment of the State dispensary passed the House of Representatives yesterday by a vote of 63 to 47. The measure now goes to the Senate.

The Morgan bill provides for the "sale" or "no sale" of liquor under county control, under dispensary restrictions and high license as to the city of Charleston.

METAL WORK BECAME CHARGED.

Allen Has Narrow Escape from Strange Death.

Albany, Ga., Feb. 6.—J. O. Allen, an employee of the Albany Electrical and Construction Company, narrowly escaped death in the basement of the Davis Exchange Bank building. He was working under the electric motor which operates the elevator and accidentally broke an incandescent lamp which he was using to light the dark basement. The wires on the inside of the globe immediately came in contact with the motor and the entire metal work in the basement became charged.

Allen's cries brought assistance and he was quickly pulled out by G. W. Saye, manager of the company which employs him. He was unconscious, and for a long time was thought to be dead, but physicians who were called in succeeded in reviving him.

EXPECT A BIG FRUIT CROP.

Growers Are Delighted at Continued Cold Weather.

Fort Valley, Ga., Feb. 6.—The fruit growers here are all delighted with the cold weather, as it holds the buds back from premature bursting. The verdict is that as yet they are not far enough advanced to be injured by a severe cold, though a few more warm days would have had the orchards in full bloom.

F. G. Withoft, of Dayton, president of the Ohio Fruit Land company, who is here loking after the interests of that company, is very optimistic as to a good crop this year. All around the fruit men are congratulating themselves and wishing for a continuance of the cold weather until the first of March, at least.

May Pardon Disgraced Middies.

Annapolis, 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 academy, and Miller resumed his position as captain of the Twelfth company. The navy department has asked further information relative to the cases of Midshipmen Stephen Decatur, Jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., and Petersen B. Marzoni, of Pensacola, Fla., both formerly members of the first class.

Germany Opposes Arrangement.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—Germany's attitude towards the proposition to place the control of the Moroccan police in the hands of France and Spain, is one of firm opposition, since the arrangement would, acording to the German view, amount practically to giving France full authority over the police, which Germany hitherto has steadily resisted.

Chicago Postoffice Congested.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Chicago, with one of the finest postoffice buildings in the country is utterly unable to handle its mail business. For the first time in four years the full force of 900 clerks in the mailing division was required to work Sunday to relieve the congestion that has clogged the machinery since Feb. 1.