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PROMINENT CITIZENS INJURED

Fell Down Flight of Stairs —Injuries May Prove Fatal.

While preparing to go down a long stairway recently several prominent people have fallen from the top flights to the bottom and sustained injuries which may cause death. This is not the first accident of this kind noted in this paper, and a great many of these accidents could be avoided by a little precaution. A small narrow strip of rubber on the top of each step would keep any one from slipping and getting hurt.

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A CONFERENCE ON CUBAN RECIPROCITY

Washington, Nov. 12.—An important conference bearing on the subject of

the C State Library participants being Secretary Hay, Secretary Root and Gen. Tasker Bliss. The latter was called into the conference at Secretary Hay's suggestion because of his expert knowledge of the existing Cuban tariff. Before the conference at the war department, Secretary Hay had talked on this subject with Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations and also with Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister here. Senator Quesada was not able to submit to Secretary Hay the draft of the reciprocity treaty which has been under consideration so long by the authorities at Havana, as the document has not left that place. So officially the United States government continues in ignorance of the extent and character of the charges, if any, which President Palma may desire to make in the treaty.

In other than official sources, however, has developed pretty nearly the disposition of the Cuban president in this matter. The cardinal objection of President Palma to the treaty as it stands is the insufficient rebate of twenty per cent proposed to be allowed on Cuban imports into the United States and Secretary Hay's purpose is to ascertain, if possible, how far he can yield in that matter and still be able to rely upon the support of congress next session when the treaty is submitted. So far, his advice does not favor any increase of the rebates, and, indeed, he has been assured by some persons with whom he has talked that under no conditions would congress consent to any substantial increase of this rebate.

It is understood that the Cubans, too, are entirely unwilling to accept much smaller increase. In the face of a great shortage in the European crop and a rapidly rising market, they have acquired confidence in their ability to get along for an indefinite period of time without reciprocity with the United States and it is understood they are showing an indifference in the prosecution of the treaty negotiations which is serving in turn to stimulate the efforts of our own negotiators.

President Palma makes the point that conditions have changed in Cuba, so that whereas the twenty per cent rebate might have served when it was first proposed, it would at present afford so little relief as not to warrant the sacrifice of Cuban revenues that would be involved in its acceptance. Secretary Hay has determined to clear up that point and to that end, after talking with Secretary Root today, it

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was decided that General Bliss should be sent at once to Cuba to make a personal investigation of the industrial situation and the fiscal possibilities of the island. So it is improbable that, pending his return from his Cuban visit, the state department can advance the treaty negotiations in any way.

ELOQUENT WORDS IN BANKERS' CONVENTION

New Orleans, Nov. 12.—Three able men discussed the assets and currency branch of banking before the American Bankers' convention today. Congressman Fowler of New Jersey answered some statements Ridgely made in his speech yesterday and then took up our currency measurements. He had a large audience. There were 1,500 bankers present. Fowler's eloquence and Dowe's reply brought vociferous applause. This compelled the New Jersey congressman to say: "You are not with me, but five millions of people are."

President Herrick called the second day's session to order at 10 o'clock. Several reports were submitted. Fowler's address followed. Dowe followed Fowler. Horace White was the last speaker. At the conclusion of his remarks the convention recessed.

At the afternoon session Congressman Pughley and Willis Pane of New York spoke on emergency circulation. The convention adjourned till tomorrow. Tonight the delegates attended the theatres.

MANY LIVES LOST BY VOLCANIC ERUPTION

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—News received today by the Pacific mail steamer Newport confirms the report that much damage was done at Guatemala October 25 as the result of a violent eruption of the volcano of Santa Maria in Quezaltenango district. It is said many lives were lost and whole villages were wiped out.

MOLINEUX'S DEFENSE HAS COST \$100,000

New York, Nov. 12.—It is estimated that the trial of Roland B. Molineux cost more than any other capital offence in any country with the English system of jurisprudence. The cost to the county of New York of the first trial was \$250,000.

The defence expended \$75,000 at the first trial and the estimated total of both sides in the two hearings is \$500,000.

It is stated that it has cost General Molineux a hundred thousand to defend his son. A friend of his stated today that when all bills were paid the general would have something less than \$200,000 left.

PORTUGAL WILL NOT SELL ANY COLONIES

New York Nov. 12.—With reference to the report that Germany and Great Britain intend acquiring Portuguese East Africa, M. De Sousa Rosa, the Portuguese minister to France, in an interview said, according to a Herald dispatch from Paris:

"There is not a word of truth in the report, and believe me, I consent to make such a categorical declaration, it is not because similar reports with regard to the Portuguese colonies deserve a contradiction. On the contrary, they refute themselves. Their very extravagance is sufficient proof of their inaccuracy, but I contradict them emphatically and unreservedly, solely for the purpose of putting the public upon their guard, as I am convinced such reports are put into circulation for speculative purposes. Portugal has not the slightest intention of parting with her colonial possessions nor of any portion of them, either to Britain or to any other power. Furthermore, to prevent any possibility of error or misunderstanding, I may assure you that the British government never has made any proposition, directly or indirectly concerning Portuguese territory in Africa."

Mark Twain's Wife Ill

New York Nov. 12.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) has been obliged to cancel all his engagements for the time being, it is reported, on account of the alarming illness of his wife at Riverside-on-the-Hudson.

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RECOGNITION OF MINERS' UNION

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TAKING TESTIMONY WILL CONSUME A FORTNIGHT

WILL REQUIRE FULLY A WEEK TO PRESENT THE MINERS' SIDE.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL WILL LEAVE FOR SCRANTON TODAY.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 12.—It is announced that the strike commission will probably devote a fortnight to taking testimony here. It will take fully a week to present the miners' side. Messrs. Wilson and Mosley of the commission arrived tonight. The operators are expected to arrive before morning.

Wilkesbarre, Nov. 12.—Mitchell will leave for Scranton tomorrow. He believes all the sittings of the commission in the coal field will be at Scranton. Mitchell today received copies of the replies of other operators to his statement, but refused to discuss them.

Scranton, Nov. 12.—Carroll D. Wright upon his arrival tonight said the testimony taken by the commission would be preserved by the stenographers reading their notes into gramophone records, which would be filed away.

Washington, Nov. 12.—That the anthracite coal mine owners will resist to the utmost every effort to make the recognition of the United Mine Workers of America an issue in the arbitration which is now in progress is made evident by the replies to the statement of President John Mitchell of the miners' organization, which have been filed with the strike commission. There are five of these answers, in addition to that of President Baer, which was given out yesterday, and all dwell with the especial emphasis and marked unanimity on this point. They also agree in resisting the demands of the miners for an increase of pay for piece work, a reduction of hours for time work and for the weighing rather than the measurement of coal.

Recorder Wright left for the anthracite regions today, taking these replies with him. In addition to the statement made for the Reading company by President Baer, the list comprises the replies of the Delaware & Lackawanna, the Lehigh Valley, the Pennsylvania and the Scranton Coal company.

The reply of the Delaware & Lackawanna company to President Mitchell's statement is signed by W. H. Trousdale, president of the company, who says that the company works 25 collieries and employs 12,000 workmen in this branch of its business. Mr. Trousdale, like Mr. Baer, objects to making the recognition of the union one of the issues to be considered by the commission, saying that in the proposition made by the company for arbitration one of the express conditions was that "the findings of the commission should govern the conditions of employment between it and its employees."

He adds: "This company unequivocally asserts that it will under no condition recognize or enter into any agreement with the association known as the United Mine Workers of America or any branch thereof. Nor will it permit said association or its officers to dictate the terms and conditions under which it shall conduct its business."

Referring to the recent strike, Mr. Trousdale says that he is reliably informed that 80 per cent. of its employees were opposed to the strike, but were forced to enter upon it by a majority vote of the mine workers in other fields. Mr. Trousdale follows closely to the lines of Mr. Baer's argument as to the dissimilarity between the work in the anthracite mines and that in bituminous mines. He declares that it is impossible to adopt a uniform rate to be paid to the miner, for a unit of

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coal mined at all mines. The declaration also is made that anthracite miners, as a rule, do not work as many hours a day as do the bituminous miners, and the opinion is advanced that if the wages of the anthracite miners had been less than that of other workmen they would have found employment elsewhere, which they did not do until they reached the point of general prosperity. He says:

"Prior to the introduction of agitators and mischief-makers, the anthracite workers were on an average as prosperous, comfortable and contented as any body of workers in similar employment in this country."

The wages, it is added, are such that frugal employees have saved a substantial amount every year.

Mr. Trousdale resists the demand for arbitration of 20 per cent. in hours of labor, saying that no such branch of business employing thousands of men can hope to compete successfully in the markets of the world if their hours of labor are restricted. He declares that there is no unjust discrimination in the weight of coal, as it is measured rather than weighed, and he asserts that the demand is out of all reason, and its effect, so far as this company is concerned, is a demand for additional increase in the wages now paid miners of from five to 40 per cent."

The present method of measurement is declared to be the result of long usage and fair to all concerned.

President Oliphant of the Delaware & Hudson company in his reply declares that the wages paid by his company are just and adequate. He also says that "those of its employees who perform contract or piece work as a matter of their own volition, work only about six hours a day and take numerous holidays, without the consent or approval of this respondent, and their earnings, by hours of actual work, are, therefore, much higher than those in any similar employment."

Denials are made of all the declarations in connection with the demand for shorter hours, and it is contended that such a reduction necessarily would increase the price of coal. While admitting that the mine owners sell their coal by the ton, he says that the coal thus sold is a very different article from that taken out of the mines. Hence he contends against the change from the present system of payment to that of paying by the ton.

President Oliphant also takes exception to the proposition to arbitrate the question of recognition of the miners' union. This position is placed on the ground that the organization seeks to control the entire fuel supply of the country; that as the union is unincorporated, it is incapable of making a binding contract and that the association has shown its inability to control its own members. He says his company has no desire to discriminate against members of the union.

President Fowler speaks for the Scranton Coal company and the Elk Hill Coal company. He says they own 15 collieries and work 5,000 men. He asserts that if the average wages earned by the anthracite piece workers is less than that paid to workers in other employment, it is because "they fix their own hours of labor and the amount of their earnings without any regard to the interests or wishes of their employers and in total disregard of the earnings and welfare of every class of employees."

He declares that the men in the mines do not work to exceed four or five hours a day. All other charges made by Mr. Mitchell are combated, and on the question of the miners' union Mr. Fowler says:

"We deny that agreements between employers and employees through workmen's organizations are beneficial and successful in the bituminous coal fields or elsewhere, and assert that any such agreement is a method

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Louisville, Nov. 12.—The special train in which President Roosevelt is speeding toward Memphis arrived here tonight. He expects to reach Memphis early tomorrow, from whence he will proceed to the Mississippi swamps for a bear hunt. The president is in a rather dubious frame of mind tonight over the actual amount of sport he is to find. He has asked former Rough Rider McIlhenny to accompany him. He has all his pet hunting paraphernalia with him, including the Winchester which has a big piece bitten out of it by a mountain lion, and the 15-inch hunting knife, with which he stabbed two Colorado cougars to death.

A tremendous crowd was at the entrance to the Louisville station when the president's train arrived. The mayor, cadet corps and a number of citizens were admitted. The president made a brief speech. On the way here his train made brief stops at Pittsburg, Dennison, O., Columbus, Cincinnati, Xenia and Worthville, Ky. At several of the stops he made a few remarks, in which he expressed thanks for the reception accorded him.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 12.—President Roosevelt passed through Pittsburg this morning en route to a point in Mississippi, where he has arranged to spend several days hunting bear, as a guest of President Fish of the Illinois Central railroad.

He is traveling on a special train of three cars, accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou and his physician, Dr. Lung. (Continued on 4th page.)

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