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SLOW POISON SAPS THE MINERS' LIVES

Disease and Suffering Attend Their Toil.

SO TESTIFY THE DOCTORS

Economic and Sociological Features of the Anthracite Coal Industry Unfolded Before the Commissioners, They Confer Behind Closed Doors.

(By the Associated Press.)
Scranton, Pa., Nov. 20.—The economic and sociological features of the anthracite coal industry and the effect employment in and about the mines has upon the health of the mine workers, were the principal subjects brought before the arbitration commission today, by the attorneys of each side to the controversy. While there was an entire absence of oratory or brilliant cross-examination which marked the proceedings during the last few days, the cross-examination, nevertheless, closely held the attention of the commissioners and they gained much information in the matters touched upon by witnesses.

The afternoon session was particularly interesting because it brought out much expert testimony on the question of the health of the mine workers. Three physicians who have practiced in Scranton and Wilkesbarre, took the stand for the miners and in substance testified that the occupation of a mine worker was "very unhealthful," and shortened his life. One physician, Dr. Frank P. Lenahan, of Wilkesbarre, who says he has had a long experience among mine workers, testified that fully 99 per cent of the men who work in the mines are anaemic. Their health is impoverished, and their general condition is below par, this decreasing their earning powers. The principal illness suffered by the miners, the physicians said, were the miners' asthma, rheumatism, lumbago and sciatica. The miners' asthma comes from coal dust, powder smoke and vitiated air. Dr. John O'Malley, of Scranton, said that at post mortems he had seen miners' lungs as black as anthracite itself, and Dr. Lenahan testified he had personal knowledge of a man coughing up coal dust nine years after he left the mines. He said he had information that a man had coughed up coal dust fifteen years after he had left the mines. It was also stated that ninety per cent of miners who reach the age of fifty years are afflicted with some form of rheumatism.

The cross-examination of Rev. Dr. Peter Roberts, D. D., of Mahanoy City, Pa., who has studied the anthracite coal industry and written a book on the subject, ended today, and he left the witness stand shortly after the noon recess. He began his testimony yesterday. Copious extracts from his book were read and placed on record. Ex-Congressman Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Reading Company, read much of the matter pertaining to violence in the 1900 strike, and also read articles written by Dr. Roberts during the progress of the late contest in which he described in strong language the acts of violence, intimidation and boycotting committed during that suspension. His articles spoke of some of these acts as "brutal outrages," and he also branded the union's action in calling out the steam men in June as "foolhardy." In explaining his articles, Dr. Roberts said that he did not wish to infer that the organization was responsible for all the lawlessness committed. The doctor said yesterday that newspaper accounts exaggerate the amount of lawlessness in the coal regions, but Mr. Wolverton's reading of Dr. Roberts' description of serious acts of violence and boycotting afforded much amusement for the attorneys for the coal companies.

Dr. Roberts gave it as his opinion that attempts to have non-union men form a separate organization were instigated by parties opposed to organized labor. In attempting to show that carelessness of the miners contributes materially to the danger of his occupation, Chairman Gray interposed with the remark that a margin of carelessness incident to human nature must be taken into account when estimating the dangerousness of any hazardous occupation.

The interest in the commissioners and their investigation has not decreased. Each day, hundreds of men line the streets and watch the arbitrators walk from the hotel to the court room. Most of them are idle mine workers, and they give the commissioners a somewhat critical look as they pass by. Each session of the commission finds the hearing room jammed with interested persons. The commissioners continue to hold daily conferences, but what is discussed is, as a rule, strictly withheld from the public.

Answering a question propounded by Judge Gray yesterday afternoon, Dr. Roberts said today, that a comparison of fatalities on all railroads in the United States with those in the anthracite fields show that 2.5 per 1,000 railroad employees are killed annually, while 3.5 per 1,000 employees were killed in the anthracite industry. The fatalities, switchmen, flagmen and watchmen, in 1900, he stated to be 5.3 per 1,000 as against 5.5 per 1,000 among miners and their laborers working inside the mines.

The fact was brought out in the course of the cross-examination that the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1891 passed a compulsory education law applying to every child under 16 years, and that

under its provisions parents of delinquents can be punished.

Answering a question by Commissioner Parker, Dr. Roberts said that of sixty-four children employed in the Olyphant breaker, near this city, 50 per cent were under 14 years of age, and had others dependent on them. At this juncture, Dr. Roberts was temporarily with drawn as a witness and Dr. John O'Malley, of Scranton, was questioned by James L. Lenahan, counsel for the Mine Workers.

His experience had been that catarrh, asthma, rheumatism, stomach troubles, pneumonia, sciatica, lumbago, anaemia, etc., were the diseases from which miners usually suffered.

Asked to minutely describe miners' asthma, he said that it was a condition due to inhalation of great quantities of coal dust, powder, smoke and vitiated air.

Questioned as to whether or not the disease was curable, the doctor stated that the fatalities resulting from it were slight, but that the likelihood of its producing some fatal disease was common. The effect of asthma, he said, was very debilitating, it disturbs nutrition and the person suffering from it had a gaunt, emaciated appearance, rendering it impossible for the miner to do good work. There were but few, he said, who could escape even moderate attacks.

On cross examination by Mr. Torrey, of the Delaware and Hudson Company, Dr. O'Malley admitted that whooping cough patients were frequently taken into the mines for relief, and that asthmatic patients are usually long-lived.

Dr. F. P. Lenahan, of Wilkesbarre, was then called, his examination being conducted by John Shea, of counsel for the Mine Workers. After stating his con-

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A TRAGEDY IN PARIS

American Girl Shot. Scion of Russian Nobility Under Surveillance.

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 20.—Helen Gore, said to be an American, was killed by a revolver shot yesterday in an apartment occupied by Jean de Rydzynski, a singer of the Imperial Theatre of St. Petersburg. De Rydzynski at first said Miss Gore committed suicide, but subsequently he declared the revolver went off accidentally. Consul General Gowdy is personally investigating the death of Miss Gore, who was completing her musical education here and resided in the fashionable quarter of Passy. When found yesterday evening, the victim was unconscious and had a bullet wound over her right eye. Two doctors were summoned to attend her, but she died without regaining consciousness.

The police have accepted the theory of the young Russian singer who was in the room at the time, that the shooting was the result of an accident during a scuffle for possession of the weapon. De Rydzynski comes of a rich and noble Russian family. He is the son of a Russian general and he has uncles who hold high positions in the government service.

Miss Gore lived in the Avenue de la Grande Arme, not far from the apartment of the Russian, where the tragedy occurred. The affair has caused much excitement in that locality. The police are continuing their investigation and De Rydzynski is kept under surveillance.

PROF. PEARSON A MEMBER

Committee on Bird Protection—Slaughter of Sandpipers for Millinery Purposes.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—The American Ornithologists Union today decided to hold its next convention at Philadelphia, November 16, 1903.

The old committee on bird protection was re-appointed with the addition of William F. Miller, of New Orleans, and Professor T. Ellbert Pearson, of North Carolina. Professor William Dutcher, of New York, chairman of the Committee on Protection of North American Birds, advocated an international conference for bird protection. The committee reported that 18,000 snow buntings were recently found in cold storage in New York city, and that 40,000 game birds, mostly sandpipers, were recently killed on the North Carolina coast for millinery purposes and their bodies thrown away.

BLAZING HOME THEIR GRAVE.

Three Small Colored Children Lose Their Lives in the Fire.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greenville, N. C., Nov. 20.—Late Wednesday evening on the farm of Mr. B. W. Tucker near Winterville, this county, a tenant house occupied by John Evans, colored, was destroyed by fire. Evans and his wife were away at work leaving their three small children at home alone. All the children lost their lives in the building.

It is not known how the fire started.

The Calliope's Cargo on Fire.

(By the Associated Press.)
Funchal, Island of Madeira, Nov. 20.—The British steamer Calliope, which sailed from Pensacola, October 29, for Genoa, has arrived here with her cargo on fire. The funes are very bad. Efforts are being made to discharge the cotton in the steamer's hold and water is being pumped into the vessel.

A woman doesn't have to be much of a mathematician in order to figure in a sensation.

PACIFIC COAST FIRE

Depot and Ferry Slip Swept by Flames.

One Man Burned Another Missing—33 Coaches Destroyed—Loss Estimated at Between \$450,000 and \$500,000.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Nov. 20.—The Southern Pacific boat and ferry slips at the end of the Alameda Mole, which extends far into the bay from the eastern shore, were totally destroyed by fire early today. The fire broke out from some unknown cause soon after the ferry boat Oakland had reached the slip on her last trip from this city. It was about 10 o'clock and the kitchen crew of the steamer had retired to their lodging in a small structure near the end of the pier. Suddenly the flames burst out quickly spreading through the depot, a big building of wood and glass. The upper works of the Oakland caught fire and her captain was forced to cut loose and leave her men behind.

The burning slips were inaccessible for fire engines from the Alameda county shore, but two fire boats were dispatched to the scene from this city and succeeded in confining the flames to the end of the mole. Train Dispatcher Walker estimates the loss at from \$450,000 to \$500,000.

The sides of the slips and building, eight broad-gauge passenger coaches and twenty-five narrow gauge coaches were burned. Nine men, who were asleep in a bunkhouse narrowly escaped with their lives. Victor Dellasanta, of Alameda, who was the chief employed on a pile driver, is missing and the pile-driver was burned. It is feared that he was asleep and perished either in the flames or by drowning.

BIG RAID ON ILLICIT STILL.

Revenue Officers Capture Six Stills in South Carolina.

(By the Associated Press.)
Charleston, S. C., Nov. 20.—A News and Courier special from Greenville, S. C., says:

A record-breaking raid was made last night by a party of revenue officers and State constables on the Dark Corner section of this county. The officers destroyed six large illicit distilleries, seventy-five fermenters, eight thousand gallons of beer and mash and six gallons of low wines. Three of the stills were found in operation, but the moonshiners in charge escaped, being warned by sentinels of the approach of the raiding party by signal, yells and repeated firing of guns. The party was composed of Deputy Collector Adams, Deputy Marshal Putnam, Constables Cooley, Alton and Bull.

Wheel Against Horse.

(By the Associated Press.)
Savannah, Ga., Nov. 20.—Joe Nelson, of Newark, N. J., rode ten miles at the Fair Grounds' track today on a bicycle against ten horses running in relay. Nelson was motor-paced. The horses relieved each other in laps of one mile. Owing to a misunderstanding, the horses were started to pick up Nelson instead of each other. The bicycle rider thus lost with each horse, whatever advantage he had gained over the preceding one. Nelson, nevertheless, finished first in eight of the ten miles. The horse came in ahead in the first and ninth miles.

Nelson's time for the miles consecutively was as follows:
1:52; 1:40; 1:28; 1:26; 1:20; 1:35; 1:30; 1:30; 1:24; 1:30.

This is said to be the fastest time ever made in a similar competition.

Lecture by Judge McRae.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 20.—Judge MacRae, dean of the University Law school, delivered the third faculty lecture in Gerrard Hall this evening to a large audience composed of members of the faculty, students and citizens of Chapel Hill, upon "The United States Senate."

The judge spoke with much force and earnestness, his address being a most finished, scholarly and thoughtful effort, and he was given close attention throughout.

Outdoes Florida Phosphate.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—U. S. Consul Kehl, at Stettin, has reported to the State Department that Florida phosphate will meet a serious competitor in the recently discovered deposits on Ocean Island, northeast of the Solomon Islands. According to an analysis the Ocean phosphate contains 86.15 per cent of tribasic phosphate of lime to 76.95 per cent for Florida, and \$2.08 per cent Christmas phosphate. Of oxide of iron and alumina the Ocean contains .68, Christmas 1.83, and Florida 2.2 per cent.

Jailed on Charge of Firing Mines.

(By the Associated Press.)
Roanoke, Va., Nov. 20.—Six white men have been arrested and placed in jail at Pocahontas charged with setting fire to the mines of the Pocahontas Collieries Company on the night of August 31st last. The names are: Ellis Swimm, William Roe, R. R. Davis, Marshall Atkins, Crockett Swimm, and Charles Mitchell, all of Reidsville, a village one mile from Pocahontas. The fire raged in the mines for several weeks.

ONE BROTHER GUILTY

Another is Now on Trial, Also for Seduction.

The Case of the Second Man Goes to the Jury To-day—Some Sensational Evidence Given.

(Special to the News and Observer.)
Rutherfordton, N. C., Nov. 20.—The case of John McMahan, son, of Rev. Alfred McMahan, charged with the seduction of Daisy McArthur, aged 15, which has consumed three days in the criminal court, went to the jury at 10 o'clock this morning, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence will not be pronounced until tomorrow morning. The limit for this crime is five years in the penitentiary, but it is believed that the full sentence will not be imposed. One of the jury said that on the first ballot, five were in favor of acquittal, but finally yielded after five hours' argument. Immediately after the jury took the case of John McMahan, his brother, Lester McMahan, was arraigned for the seduction of Miss Florence McArthur, 26 years old, a sister of Daisy.

Florence, who was close to her father's side, was the first witness called. She said McMahan first paid her attention about three years ago. "He made love to me and I trusted him," she said. "I loved him dearly, and believed him when he so often told me the same story."

"Did he promise to carry you before or after you committed the wrong?" asked the defence.

"Before and after, too."

"Did you tell your sister Daisy you were engaged and were to be married Christmas to McMahan?"

"Yes, sir; that was the date set for our marriage."

"Is he the father of your child?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you offer to compromise with McMahan if he would pay you a large sum of money?"

"No, I did not, nothing of that kind was mentioned. McMahan told me he knew I was a virtuous woman and as good as any woman that ever lived. He said he loved me more and more each day and would marry me till the last."

The witness was cool and self-controlled and was not confused by the attorneys at any time. About a dozen of the best citizens in the county swore to the girl's excellent character.

Byrum Hamerick, who had been employed by Miss Florence's father, was put on the stand. His testimony was very harmful to the prosecution. He testified he had on several occasions persuaded Miss McArthur to commit wrong.

"Why did you refuse to come here as a witness and why did you have to be arrested and brought here?" he was asked by the defence.

"Because did not want to testify against the lady."

"Why do you hesitate to answer my questions?" asked the prosecuting attorney. It was necessary that Judge Hoke and the defence demand that he answer this question.

"I told no one about the matter, not even my closest friends," said Hamerick.

"How came you here then?" asked the attorney.

After some hesitation he admitted he had, within the last few days told one or two people and the attorneys for the defence.

John Cole swore he had seen Miss McArthur out driving with young men sitting in their laps, and had heard of her playing cards and drinking. Lindsay Hodge testified in a similar strain.

Mrs. Godford, who was a close friend of the McArthur girls, said on the stand that Florence had come to her for advice, saying, "Do you think Lester would marry me if I were to do wrong? He told me he had to know I was a virtuous woman before he would marry me. I told her no, he would not marry her, and for her not to listen or to consent to any thing of the kind. She then sat down and cried like a baby."

The belief in the truth of the testimony of Hamerick is divided. Some think it is a put up job, while others believe his story. The case will go to the jury tomorrow about noon. Five speeches were concluded tonight.

THE BREESE TRIAL BEGINS.

Preliminaries Consume the Day—Examination of Witnesses Will Commence To-day.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 20.—The special term of Federal court, to try the famous Asheville bank wrecking cases, convened this morning, with Judge McDowell on the bench.

The three defendants will be tried separately. Major Breese's hearing was entered into first and the jury drawn at the morning session of the court. When the court reconvened after the noon recess, District Attorney Holton made a motion for continuance of the case, on the ground that an important witness for the United States were not present. Judge McDowell overruled the motion and the court proceeded with the hearing. The preliminary work occupied the entire day. The examination of witnesses will begin tomorrow morning.

Later—Judge McDowell ordered today that the court would hold nightly sessions of two hours.

S. T. Dorset, formerly teller of the defunct bank, was the first witness introduced by the government. His testimony was of a technical nature, showing the condition of the bank at certain periods, also the condition of Breese's account. The government will attempt to show

by this witness that Breese drew money from the bank at times when he did not have a cent to his credit, also as to Breese's signature to certain checks that tend to incriminate him.

COTTON MILL MERGER COMMITTEE.

Session in Progress at Greensboro Where all Future Meetings Will be Held.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 20.—The cotton mill merger party has concluded to hold all future meetings at Greensboro. The executive committee met at the Benbow Hotel today, and good progress is being made. At previous meeting seventy-five properties have been passed on favorably and many others are to be passed on.

The cotton mill men present here today were James K. Mebane, H. W. Scott, Graham; Clement Manly, attorney; John W. Fries, H. E. Fries, Winston-Salem; S. B. Turner, Henrietta; Ernest Watkins, Rameur; A. W. Haywood, Haw River; J. E. Stagg, Durham. Others are expected during the night.

The meeting was to have been held in Charlotte, but owing to the illness of a son of Mr. A. W. Haywood, of Haw River, it was held here where he could be in close communication with him.

Three Celestials Departed.

(By the Associated Press.)
Mobile, Ala., Nov. 20.—Three of the eight Chinese who reached here last week from Progresso, Mexico, by steamer, were deported on the same steamer today. The other five, whose papers were in order, were allowed to go to their home town, New Orleans.

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