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PEACE IS TO REIGN

Trouble In Coal Fields Soon To Be Adjusted.

SO SAY THE OFFICIALS.

President of the Miners' Union Says That Suspension Will Be Only Temporary—Steps for Settlement Are Now Being Taken.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Advices from the bituminous coal fields of the United States received by Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, when he returned to the headquarters of the organization in this city, satisfied him, he said, that the suspension of work in the mines pending the signing of a new wage contract between miners and operators would not be long continued.

"I have not been 'talking strike' in Illinois," said Mr. Lewis, "and I am not going to do anything of the sort in western and central Pennsylvania next week. Operators and miners in those three districts, in Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, western Kentucky and the southwest will all be discussing means of settlement of the questions between themselves next week. The matter will have to work itself out, and it will work out to the end that we will get the demanded wage increase of 5.55 per cent whether on work by the day or ton."

"In Illinois, the southwest, and western Pennsylvania the conferences will take longer in reaching conclusions than in the other states, but I cannot believe there will be a final break.

"If the operators of Pennsylvania and Ohio feared that the operators in the non-union districts of West Virginia and that neighborhood would undersell them, that objection to increasing the wages of union miners has been swept away by the news that in practically all the non-union fields in West Virginia, Maryland and southern Pennsylvania the operators have come out with a raise of the wages of their unorganized workmen. This is also a plain object lesson that the union man benefits the non-union man."

Mr. Lewis will spend tomorrow at his home at Bridgeport, Ohio, and on Monday will go to DuBois, Pa., or to Pittsburg.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Celestial Visitor Will Be Visible to Naked Eye During May.

Lake Geneva, Wis.—Within a few days the great Yerkes telescope at the Williams Bay observatory of the University of Chicago will pick out from space Halley's comet, for whose appearance all the astronomers of the West are watching. At present the comet is hidden by the brilliancy of the sun, around which it is just completing its parabolic orbit, but the comet has now passed the sun and will soon be within reach of the great telescope.

The comet is likely to be sufficiently clear to be seen by the naked eye within three weeks, and from that time until May 19, when it attains its greatest brilliancy, it will become plainer nightly.

POSTAL DEFICIT IS SMALLER.

Neat Surplus For Last Quarter of 1909.

Washington.—The post office department made a surplus of \$2,111,356.69 for the quarter covering the months of October, November and December, 1909, as shown by the report of the auditor for the post office department today. This was the largest quarter's business in the history of the post office department. Indications are that postal deficit for this fiscal year, instead of being \$17,000,000, as was the case last year, will fall below \$10,000,000.

REMARKABLE JOURNEY.

Native of Manchester, England, Will Break Record For Walking.

Valdez, Alaska.—James Fish, aged 70, and a native of Manchester, England, has started on a trip to his birthplace, with the intention of covering on foot all the land portions of his journey.

He will go by boat to Santa Cruz, Cal., where he will start his long

walk across the country, finishing at Boston. He has been a resident of Valdez ten years, during which time he has never been out of Alaska.

Kentucky Mines Closed.

Louisville, Ky.—The mines in district 23, western Kentucky, have suspended operations, and will remain closed, as far as the workmen are concerned, until an agreement is reached between the operators and miners.

A Narrow Escape.

Macon, Ga.—Roland, the eleven-year-old son of Charles R. Reid, came near losing his life in a sewer at the intersection of Third and Hawthorne streets yesterday afternoon when he attempted to pass from one exit to the other through the block. He had gone the entire distance and was at the point of exit when he became fastened and could not escape. It was necessary for Call Officer Tom Avant, who went to the scene, to employ help and dig up the sewer pipe and break the joints. The boy was completely exhausted and unconscious when extricated.

DR. COOK'S CLAIM.

Millionaires Believe Brooklyn Man Found Pole.

New York.—Captain B. F. Osborn, of the Arctic club, announced today that he had received letters from millionaires offering backing to the extent of more than \$1,000,000 for Dr. Frederick Cook, the discredited explorer, to establish proofs of his claim that he and not Commander Peary discovered the north pole.

Captain Osborn said that Dr. Cook had received enormous offers to take the lecture platform and that he would take up both matters when the explorer reaches New York. Dr. Cook is expected here within three weeks. "The report that Dr. Cook would be here today and would establish himself at a big hotel is nonsense," said Capt. Osborn. "He does not want any publicity until he has convinced the world of the wrong that it has done him."

The offer of a million dollars puts us in a position to establish the truth of his claims without a doubt. We have been negotiating with some of the best scientists in the world and several of these will be retained.

"We have learned already that on the day Peary says he reached the pole and took observations from the sun there was not enough sun to make it possible."

FATAL FOREST FIRE.

Flames Sweep Through Lumber Camps in Louisiana.

Dryprong, La.—Information reaching here from logging camps declares that a woman and seven men perished in a forest fire Wednesday while they were fighting flames which destroyed several camps and burned over a big territory.

The fire fighters, led by Mrs. Ivy, were burned to death when they attempted to save Mrs. Ivy's home from destruction. The house was surrounded by a thicket. While they were directing attention to the house, the flames swept through the thicket, and in an attempt to escape their clothing caught fire. The eight sustained fatal burns. Many more were hurt.

BIG SEAL CATCHES.

Over 200,000 Seals Have Been Taken—Value over \$500,000.

St. Johns, N. F.—Indications that the present sealing season would be one of the most successful in the history of New Foundland seal hunters were contained in a wireless dispatch received at the Cape Race station from the sealing steamer Florizel. The dispatch stated that the vessel's catch included 45,000 seals, valued at \$100,000, a record catch for one ship. Other ships with the Florizel have catches of from 10,000 to 40,000 aboard and they are the largest seals taken for several years, the message stated.

Eight vessels out of a fleet of 20 have to date reported catches totalling 201,000 seals, the value of which amounts to over \$500,000.

Bishop Barry Dead.

London.—Bishop Barry, formerly chaplain to Queen Victoria and primate of Australia, died at Windsor. He was 84 years old.

HARMON AND FOSS

Two Democrats Who May Head Party Ticket in 1912.

REPRESENT EAST AND WEST

Foss Has Been Recently Elected to Congress From Massachusetts and Is Said to Be Very Wealthy.—Harmon Is a Strong Ohio Democrat.

Washington.—The election of Eugene N. Foss, of Massachusetts, to the house of representatives in the old Lovering district, has called attention to the availability of Foss as the Democratic candidate for vice-president in 1912. Already this is being discussed about the capitol. If Foss comes to Washington and "makes good" it is likely a good deal more will be heard of it.



JUDSON HARMON.

Many reasons are given by admirers of Foss why he is the proper man for the Democrats to nominate for vice-president. In the first place, he has what is generally supposed to be the indispensable requisite of a candidate for vice-president, a "bar" of money. Foss is reputed to be worth at least \$10,000,000. He will be one of the wealthiest men in congress.

It is generally supposed now that Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, will be nominated for the presidency by the Democrats. In that case, say the folks who think on Foss for the nomination for vice-president, Foss would be available for geographical reasons as well as others. He is an Eastern man and would satisfy the demand of Eastern Democrats to have their part of the country represented on the ticket. At the same time he is well known in the West through his activity for reciprocity and for lower tariff and he would satisfy Westerners who are for downward revision and reciprocity.

It is not unlikely that he will head the Democratic ticket for governor in Massachusetts next fall, despite the fact he has been elected to congress.

Vendetta Murder.

..New York.—A vendetta murder occurred here, when John Lewis, "Handsome Tony," or "Tough Tony," a well-to-do East Side young Italian, was shot to death by his feud enemies, firing from a speeding automobile. He fell as he tried to draw his own revolver. It is believed by the police that a feud, starting over a woman, caused the tragedy. The murderers, three in number, escaped in the automobile.

Lynching Is Prevented.

Quanah, Texas.—Only the quick action of the sheriff at Fort Worth prevented a lynching. Dwyer, a white man, is accused of attacking the 5-year-old daughter of Milton Winbury on a ranch 17 miles from here. A mob formed to lynch him, but dispersed when it became known he had been hurried away.

Killed Resisting Arrest.

Shreveport, La.—Daniel Johnson, a negro wanted for the assassination of two white peddlers, George Lafitte and George Petro, was fatally shot at Mansfield, La., while resisting arrest.

VOLCANO TERRORIZES.

Mt. Aetna Threatens Catania With Fate of Ancient Pompeii.

Catania, Sicily.—This city is in terror and thousands of residents are fleeing to the hills for safety from Mt. Aetna. A heavy fall of ashes covered the streets to a depth of six inches. Thirty craters are belching fire and lava and red-hot stones bombard the country about the slopes of the volcano. The ashes have destroyed all the orchards that have escaped the lava between Catania and the crest of the mountain. Hundreds of tourists, the majority of them Americans, who came here to view the spectacle, made haste to depart. Fear has seized all of the 150,000 inhabitants of the city and the frenzy of the peasants about Aetna is almost indescribable.

The lava streams have been renewed and are advancing rapidly on the city. The belief is growing that the city will meet the fate of Pompeii. Professor Roci, chief of the observatory which was destroyed in the first stages of the eruption, reported that 20 craters are active, an unprecedented number. The outpouring of lava, however, is scarcely greater than when only a dozen months were threatening the country. Fresh waves of lava are pouring over fresh territory.

VEVUVIUS AWAKES.

Ancient Volcano, Which Destroyed Pompeii, in Troubled State.

Rome.—Vesuvius is emitting five large columns of smoke and steam, according to reports from Neapolitan officials.

The anxiety of the inhabitants of the district about the volcano is growing.

MANY GIRLS MISSING.

Tragedy of Ruth Wheeler Believed To Be One in Many.

New York.—Reports revealing that fifteen young girls have been missing since January 19, spurred on the authorities to wrest from Albert Wolter, 19 years old, a confession that he murdered 15-year-old Ruth Wheeler, the stenographer whose charred remains were found late Saturday. They expect to find a wholesale abduction plot before the mystery of the case is cleared away.

Kate Mueller, who lived with Wolter, as his wife, is under arrest as a material witness and she was sharply questioned. She had already made two damaging statements against Wolter. First, she said Wolter admitted to her that Ruth Wheeler had called on him at his apartment. Wolter has stolidly denied ever having seen the girl. She also declares that the gummy sack in which the victim's body was wrapped, had lain for weeks, serving as a mat, before the kitchen door of Wolter's flat. In Wolter's trunk the police found some wire which they say is identical with that in which the gummy sack was bound. The night shirt in which some of the girl victim's hair and hat pins were wrapped bears the initial "W." Wolter admits that this shirt is his.

Launching of The Florida.

Washington.—President Taft will attend the launching of the battleship Florida, at the New York navy yard on May 12. The Florida is one of the super-dreadnaughts of the navy, and will have a displacement of 21,000 tons. She is the first big ship built at the New York yard since the 16,000-ton Connecticut was turned out there.

Big Police Shake-up.

New York.—Mayor Gaynor's threat of a big police shake-up was fulfilled when Inspector McGafferty was deposed as head of the detectives, and Inspector John H. Russell, now in a downtown district, was put in his place. Six captains were transferred and Commissioner Baker announced that the whole police system would be rearranged.

Many Victims of Strike.

Philadelphia.—Leaders of the carmen's strike call attention to a list of fatalities since the beginning of the walkout six weeks ago. Eleven persons have been killed by street cars and collisions have been frequent, causing injuries to passengers. A movement is under way, the strike leaders say, to bring pressure to demand that the transit company send out only reliable operatives on cars.

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No. of Daily.	Eastern Standard Time	No. of Daily.
STATIONS		
P. M.		A. M.
4 35	Lv. Hendersonville. Ar.	10 10
11 46	.....Yale.....	10 18
11 51	.....Horse Shoe.....	10 41
11 56	.....Cannon.....	10 39
12 03	.....Bowling.....	10 33
12 11	.....Blairtye.....	10 28
12 17	.....Penrose.....	10 21
12 25	.....Davidson River.....	10 15
12 30	.....Pisgah Forest.....	10 10
12 40	.....Brevard.....Lv.	10 05
12 53	.....Selma.....	10 00
1 01	.....Cherryfield.....	10 03
1 04Calvert.....	10 00
1 10Rosman.....	9 55
1 25Quebec.....	9 52
1 35Red's.....	9 50
6 15	Ar. Lake Toxaway. Lv.	8 00

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Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.
Surveyor—A. L. Hardin.
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday; W. E. Galloway.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.

Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—R. L. Gash.

Town Government.

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Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.

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