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BRITAIN'S COAL STRIKE

Trade Paralyzed and a Million and a Quarter Men Out

Not a Ton of Coal Reaches London in a Day—Coal Rapidly Advancing in Price.

London, via Glace Bay, March 4.—With the beginning of the working week the general British public has awakened to a realization of the fact that the curtailment of the nation's industries because of the coal miners' strike is rapidly approaching a condition of paralysis.

Besides the more than a million miners who are out on strike it is estimated that 225,800 men in other lines of activity are idle, while 1,425,000 others have been served with notice that their services will not be needed within a short time. Entire industries which ordinarily employ hundreds of thousands of men have suspended operations and those who have been thus thrown out of work include cotton spinners, railwaymen, longshoremen, iron and tin plate workers besides a variety of other trades.

In the Manchester district alone 150,000 men have been notified that they will be out of employment, while it is probable that 50,000 more will be laid off within a few days in South Lancashire. It is estimated that in London alone 500,000 men will be forced to give up their jobs on account of the strike.

All records were broken here to-day in one respect when for the first time since 1838 an entire day passed without a ton of coal coming into the city of London. Already 2,223 freight and passenger trains have been discontinued, of which number 704 were on the time tables of a single line. Many stations are being closed because of the lack of traffic and to save the fuel necessary to heat them.

Every freight train that could be spared was taken off and all local passenger trains have been standardized, so that there are no duplications by the various lines, and interchangeable tickets have been issued to travellers. The railway boards are co-operating to save coal and cut down expenses. But with the most rigorous precautions traffic will soon be at a standstill through lack of fuel to move trains, as few of the roads have maintained any great reserve supply, because they have not the storage room.

Thus far there has been little disorder among the strikers. At Whitburn and Durham, however, the strikers refused to permit men to enter the collieries to feed the ponies which are used in the various shafts or to allow others to do such work as is necessary to prevent the flooding of the lower levels.

Coal has already advanced in London two shillings (50 cents) a ton in price, and at Belfast the advance has been as high as five shillings, or \$1.25, reaching 37 shillings, or \$9.25, a ton in order to get fuel enough to leave port. Word comes to-night from Dartmouth that the Channel packets are likely to be discontinued.

ASKED TO GIVE UP HIS SEAT

Senator Percy's Resignation Demanded By the Legislature.

Jackson, Miss., March 5.—A joint resolution demanding the resignation of United States Senator Leroy Percy was adopted by both houses of the Mississippi Legislature to-day.

The resolution recites an alleged promise of Percy to resign if he should be defeated in the Democratic primary election of last summer. Former Governor Vardaman won the nomination over Percy in the primary.

Entertainment For School.

There will be an entertainment at Malona Hill School House, Friday night, March 15, 1912. The exercises will begin at eight o'clock. Public is cordially invited. Admission only 10 cents. Benefit of school.

FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

Four Oaks, March 6.—Mrs. J. W. Hollowell, of Rocky Mount, returned home Monday after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Wellons, and Mrs. C. K. Adams.

Messrs. B. B. and D. W. Adams spent last week in Norfolk on business.

Miss Ella Keen spent last week in Hartsville, S. C., visiting her brother, Mr. Albert Keen, who is in the mercantile business there.

Mr. W. E. Strickland made a business trip to Conway, S. C., Friday returning Saturday night.

Mr. Edgar Sanders has moved his stock of merchandise from the country to Four Oaks. He occupies Mr. J. E. Parker's store on Main street. We welcome Mr. Sanders to our town and wish him much success.

Among those attending court at Smithfield this week are: Messrs. D. H. Sanders, R. A. Blackman, R. A. Blackman, Prof. Brackett, Dalton Lee, W. R. Keen and Dr. J. H. Stanley.

Mr. Tom Pool, of Maxton, N. C., visited his sister, Mrs. Laura Creech, Sunday. Monday Mr. Pool, Mr. J. B. Creech and Mr. Preston Woodall, of Benson, left for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to buy their spring goods.

Misses Mary Weeks and Sallie Williams spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents near Newton Grove, returning Monday.

Mr. Johnson, a representative of the First National Bank of Durham, was here last week looking after the interest of a bank at this place.

Prof. Brackett, our contractor and builder has his entire force of workmen out at Mr. Garland Smith's this week, completing a new residence.

Mr. W. H. Lee has resigned his position at Wilson, N. C., and returned to Four Oaks.

Mr. S. H. Perinson has been in Benson for the past week.

Mr. G. F. Bizzell and family have returned to make their home with us once more. We welcome Mr. Bizzell to our town.

Messrs. J. T. Cole and J. Stanly happened to the misfortune to lose their saw mill and entire plant Thursday night by fire, with no insurance.

Mrs. Bright Williams, mother of our townsman, Mr. Bob Williams, passed away at her home this morning after a short illness. Funeral will take place at her home.

EMIT ITEMS.

Mr. F. C. Hocutt and Mr. I. D. Manning made a business trip to Wendell Saturday.

There was a Leap Year party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Strickland last Wednesday night, in honor of Miss Willie High, who was visiting Miss Bell Richardson.

Mr. F. C. Snipes, of Emit, and Miss Ida Batten, of Wilson's Mills, were married Sunday.

There was a debating society at the Emit school last Friday afternoon, the query being "Resolved that salt is more benefit than iron." The judges were Misses Dora Wilder, Dora Corbett and Snowie Hocutt. It was decided two to one in favor of salt.

The Hales school house baseball team came to the Emit schoolhouse, on February 16, and played a game with our boys and were beaten 8 to 3. Emit will go to their ground Friday afternoon.

RAMBLING BILL.

DRYS WIN IN VERMONT.

Montpelier, Capital of State, Returns To No-License Ranks.

Burlington, Vt., March 5.—Montpelier, the capital city of the State, returned to the no-license ranks in the annual election to-day. The city had been in the "wet" column but one year. Six towns also changed to no license. As a result, there will be but 22 of the 246 cities and towns in the State where the open saloon is legalized during the coming year.

The cities of St. Albans, Burlington, Vergennes, and Rutland voted in favor of license, and Barre against it. In St. Johnsbury and Hyde Park the smallpox quarantine prevented the holding of elections.

PARCELS POST PROVIDED FOR.

Postoffice Bill Introduced by Representative Moon Carries Appropriation for it—Other Provisions.

Washington, March 4.—A parcels post system is provided for in the regular Postoffice Appropriation bill, introduced to-day by Representative Moon, of Tennessee. The measure would apply the foreign mail carrying plan to domestic mail matter and permit the transportation of 11 pounds of merchandise.

As an experiment, local mail matter would be carried until June 30, 1914, on rural mail routes, on a graduated scale, ranging from five cents a pound for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound.

The bill would permit postoffice employees the right of petition to Congress, now denied by the rules of the Postoffice Department.

The appropriation carries a total of \$259,827,749, a decrease in the department estimates of \$1,352,314.

Another provision of the bill for the protection of railway mail clerks, requires that railway mail cars be constructed of steel, and the present cars to be substituted at the rate of 20 per cent a year for five years, so that by 1917 all railway mail cars shall be entirely of steel construction.

Chairman Moon's report disagrees with the report from the Postoffice Department that it has been self-sustaining and finds a deficit instead of a surplus.

WOULDN'T DISSECT CORPSE.

Instead Medical Students Gave It Honored Burial in Cemetery.

Raleigh, N. C., March 4.—The medical students of University of North Carolina declined to use the body of Veteran Edward Benton, who died in the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh and willed his body to the medical department of the university.

Instead, they gave it honored burial Sunday in the cemetery at the university at Chapel Hill. The young men would not, they said, commit such an act of "sacrilege" as to use the body of one of Lee's soldiers for dissection purposes.

ENTIRE RIGHT LUNG REMOVED.

Massachusetts Surgeons Believe That Their Patient Will Recover.

Boston, March 5.—Dr. Samuel Robinson, visiting surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and Dr. John T. Motomley, of the Carney Hospital, have removed the entire right lung of William Roberts, a patient at the latter institution.

Dr. Robinson said the ether was administered by a new method, and it was his belief that the patient would recover. The incision was made in the patient's back.

DIES AT AGE OF 105 YEARS.

New Milford, Conn., Resident Had Always Lived in That Town.

New Milford, Conn., March 4.—Alanson Canfield, one of the oldest men in the State, died at his home here to-day at the age of 105 years.

Death was due to infirmities brought on by his advanced years. He was born in this town and always made it his home. One daughter survives him.

WOMAN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Will Be Executed, Together With Companion, for Murder of Husband.

Plymouth, Mass., March 5.—For the first time in Massachusetts' criminal procedure a woman, Mrs. Lena Cusumano, of Hull, was to-day sentenced to death in the electric chair by Judge Quinn, in the Plymouth superior court, here. Enrico Masciell, whose name has been Anglicized into "Harry Marshall," and who was convicted jointly with Mrs. Cusumano for the murder of the woman's husband, Frank Cusumano, in September, 1910, also was sentenced to death.

Both sentences are to be carried out in the State prison at Charlestown during the week beginning June 2 next.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Johnston County Superior Court convened here Monday afternoon with Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding. Judge Stephen G. Bragaw was the regular judge for this term, but was authorized by Governor Kitchin to make the change with Judge Webb.

This is not the first time Judge Webb has held our court. He was here a few years ago and made a fine impression. Our people, with the exception of the law-breakers, are glad to have him with us again.

The following grand jury was drawn and empanelled:

W. H. Hare, Foreman, J. F. Hardee, G. W. Holley, J. W. Crumpler, B. F. Langdon, N. B. Stevens, J. Willis Langdon, C. L. Gurley, Ed. S. Game, J. W. Green, R. T. Hudson, L. A. Pounds, J. R. Hicks, J. O. Stephenson, C. H. Grady, G. G. Woodall, B. E. Gardner and Wade H. Crocker. N. R. Green was appointed to attend grand jury.

Judge Webb's charge to the grand jury was clear, well-defined and concise. Following the charge the State docket was taken up, and among the cases disposed of we note the following:

State vs John V. Barefoot and J. R. Hargrove. Affray. Defendants plead guilty and were fined \$5.00 each and one-half costs each.

State vs M. R. Smith. A. D. W. Guilty. Fined \$25.00 and costs.

State vs Arthur Richardson and Ward Moore. Larceny. Called and failed to answer. Ni si and sei fa and capias for both defendants.

State vs Henry Holden. C. C. W. Guilty. Fine \$25 and costs.

State vs Edgar Smith. Larceny. Guilty. Four months on roads.

State vs Fred McLam, Seth Ryals, R. Freddie McLam. A. D. W. Defendants plead guilty. Fined \$5.00 each and one-third costs each.

State vs John Harris. Breaking in freight car. Guilty. Six months on the roads.

State vs R. A. Stewart. Embezzlement. Not guilty.

State vs J. H. B. Tomlinson, J. R. Walton and F. K. Broadhurst, Smithfield Road Supervisors. Failure to work road. Not guilty.

State vs C. A. Holt. Assault deadly weapon. Not guilty.

State vs J. A. Pittman. Perjury. Defendant conspicuous for his absence.

State vs James Taylor, Henry Taylor, Roy Wiggins, Bossey Wiggins, Alex Blalock and Loney Blalock. Affray. Loney Blalock, not on trial; Alex Blalock, not guilty; all the other defendants guilty—James Taylor, 18 months on roads; Henry Taylor, 4 months on roads; Roy Wiggins, 4 months on roads; Bossey Wiggins, 4 months on roads.

The case of the Selma Road Commissioners, as to whether W. A. Green was duly elected a member to succeed M. C. Winston, resigned, at a meeting held last May was heard yesterday. By agreement the matter was submitted to Judge Webb for decision. After hearing the evidence he decided that Mr. Green was not elected at the meeting mentioned above.

The grand jury completed their labors yesterday and were discharged with the thanks of the Court just before the noon recess.

The criminal docket has about been completed and the civil docket has been taken up. There are a number of cases set for trial this week and next.

Another Death At Clayton.

On Sunday night, March 3, 1912, Mrs. Mary Ann McCullers, widow of Mr. William McCullers, died at a good old age. She was one of the oldest ladies in the community. Her remains were interred Monday afternoon in the graveyard, near where Liberty Baptist church stood years ago, this being the family burying ground. She leaves five sons, all well known and prosperous—Messrs. D. O. McCullers, E. B. McCullers, Will H. McCullers, D. H. McCullers and Dr. E. H. McCullers. She was an aunt of Mr. G. L. Jones, of Smithfield, and a most excellent lady.

Judge Theodore S. Garnett, of Norfolk, Va., was here Monday in the interest of the Princeton Lumber Company.

Casey-Beasley.

Beasley, March 5.—There was solemnized here Thursday a marriage of interest, when Mr. Howard S. Casey, of Mt. Olive, led to the altar as his bride, Miss Alma Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley. The bride is known and loved by a wide circle of friends for her charming personality and loving character.

The marriage took place at 1:30 o'clock. The parlor was beautifully decorated with evergreens, the color scheme being carried out in green and white. Miss Mattie Hirsch beautifully gowned in green satin, rendered the wedding march from Lohengrin, while the groom entered with Mr. Sam Jones, who acted as best man, and was met at the altar by the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Bert Beasley, who gave her away. Miss Vivian Atkinson, beautifully arrayed in yellow messaline, was maid of honor. The bride wore a handsome suit of white messaline trimmed in real lace of pearls, with shoes and gloves to match.

Mr. C. C. Beasley received the guest at the front door, while Miss Clyde Noble ushered them into the parlor, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Boon, of Mount Olive. During the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was softly rendered. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. Sam Jones, Mr. Gardner Casey, brother of the groom, of Mount Olive; Miss Mayme Casey, of Pinehurst; Mrs. Clyde Noble, of Rocky Mount; Miss Vivian Atkinson, of Raleigh; Miss Mattie Bizzell, of Clinton; Miss Mattie Hirsch, of Lillington; Mr. Howard Beasley, brother of the bride, of Buies Creek; Mr. D. Stephenson and family, of McCullers; Miss Lizzie Sanders, Miss Norma Sanders and mother, of Four Oaks; Mr. Leon Stephenson, of Raleigh; Mr. George F. Whitfield and Miss Fannie Gray, of Princeton. The number of presents received prove the popularity of the young couple.

M. P. H.

Case of Acquittals.

The indignation meeting held in New Bern over the acquittal of Baker Bryan is significant and should receive attention from the people of the State.

Just as long as the State is allowed four peremptory challenges in a capital case and the defendant twenty-three, any man with money enough to employ able counsel can pick a jury to suit him. The lawyers know this and one of the presidents of the Bar Association has pointed it out as one of the changes that ought to be made in our jury law.

Some years ago a prisoner, more notorious than Baker Bryan, was acquitted in Durham. An indignation meeting was held and the chairman, Mr. James H. Southgate, was appointed to go before the next Legislature and demand relief. The Legislature, thereupon, passed an act providing for a jury to be drawn from the jury box and Mr. Southgate returned supposing he had gotten what he asked for. But it proved a failure and a joke and only a source of delay and expense.

The real remedy is in reducing the number of peremptory challenges for the defendant in capital cases. There is no reason why the challenges should not be reduced to the same number as those of the State. The defendant has the benefit of the presumption of innocence and reasonable doubt and it has been said by good authority that the great difference was first admitted when these rights were not given him, and the change as to challenges was not made accordingly because perhaps the defendant was not allowed to testify in his own behalf, nor was he formerly allowed the benefit of counsel. All proper changes have been made in favor of the defendant, but the ancient difference in peremptory challenges have never been disturbed, and as long as it remains as it is influential defendants will continue to be acquitted.—News and Observer.

Mr. C. H. Hoyt, mayor of Princeton, was here Monday and gave us a pleasant call.

CUT TUMOR FROM SIDE

Woman of 65 Operated on Herself With a Common Penknife

Powdered Alum Her Only Antiseptic. Faints After Hour-Long Ordeal, But is Recovering.

South Bend, Ind., March 5.—Mrs. Susan Frame, 65 years old, cut with a penknife a large tumor from her side without assistance, and has physicians marveling at her recovery.

Mrs. Frame's operation was one of the most remarkable surgical feats recorded, according to physicians here. A San Francisco surgeon performed an operation on himself, but he was aided by a corps of assistants, and had the most modern surgical instruments.

Mrs. Frame's only instrument was a common penknife, sharpened on a kitchen steel by her own hand. She also used a small quantity of pulverized alum as an antiseptic, and a cloth saturated in camphor. She feared the surgeon's knife, and in preparing to perform the operation, had remarked: "I have faith in God, and confidence in myself under His guidance."

The opportunity came when she was alone several days. After writing a letter to a sister, explaining her purpose, she went at her task. She expected to complete it in ten minutes, but it took more than an hour. Then she fainted.

She did not regain consciousness for several hours, and then she was so weak she could hardly drag herself to her bed-room. She was unable to get up until the next day, but recovered before her relatives returned.—Washington Post.

Why Roosevelt Should Be Nominated.

The Record wishes the club good luck. We hope Roosevelt will be nominated, for as has been stated, if the Democrats cannot lick him this year they can never lick any man. In expressing this hope, we feel sorry for Taft, for he has tried to make a good President, and this is more than can be said of Teddy, the Great.—The Greensboro Daily Record.

Indians in the United States.

They are found in twenty-seven states and territories. States having less than 1,000 each are Maine, Indiana, Iowa, Florida, Colorado, South Carolina, and Texas. States having from 1,000 to 2,000 are North Carolina, Kansas, Utah, and Wyoming; those from 2,000 to 4,000, Nebraska, Idaho, and Oregon; New York has 5,455; Michigan, 6,743; Minnesota, 10,008; Nevada, 5,870; North Dakota, 7,990; Wisconsin, 10,310; New Mexico, 18,627; Montana, 10,426; Washington, 8,484; California, 19,942; Oklahoma, 117,370; South Dakota, 20,221; Arizona, 37,236.

The most numerous tribes are the Cherokees, 41,706; the Choctaws, 26,762; the Creeks, 18,717. These figures are from reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated June 30, 1909.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma, March 7.—Bad weather, and a plenty of it, is no news this week.

Dr. R. J. Noble has resigned as Voluntary Weather Observer at Selma and Mr. Edwin S. Sanders, of Smithfield, has been appointed in his stead. Dr. Noble held the position for 20 years lacking till next June, and hopes Mr. Sanders will look after it as long if not longer.

Dr. Robert P. Noble accompanied by Mrs. R. P. Noble will arrive here next Sunday. He will only be here three days when he will return to his new home in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and little son, Henry D., Jr., III, are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood, Sr., and Mr. Clarence Basford, of Upper Fairmount, Md., is here visiting his sister, Mr. H. D. Hood, Jr.

Mr. J. K. Valliant, District Superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has been here this week looking over this territory.