

THE COAL STRIKE.

The President of the United Mine Workers Make a Statement.

A VICTORY FOR UNION MEN.

Mr. Hatchford Also Gives His Views About the Situation in West Virginia and Illinois—Some Illinois Miners Still Out.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—M. D. Hatchford, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is attending a special meeting of the officers of the National Federation of Labor, gave out the following statement to-day:

To-day will see about 75,000 miners resume work in the bituminous coal fields of the central states. The strike generally ends to-day. This is the middle of the 12th week of its duration. It was brought to a close at our convention held at Columbus, O., on the 8th to the 11th of the present month, the ten days' time being given to allow miners and operators to come together in Illinois and West Virginia to meet the prices fixed—65 cents a ton in Pittsburgh, 50 cents in Ohio and Indiana—the same to continue till the end of December. The mining situation is not likely to be disturbed again until the beginning of next year, at which time we hope to be able to settle wage differences amicably and without the necessity of a strike.

I am well satisfied with the agreement reached, and feel that it is the greatest victory gained by the trades unions for years. Of course, the victory is not altogether one of the miners. While they have done the striking, trades unions and organized bodies have supplied the necessities without which the miners could not possibly succeed. It is a victory for organized labor and not for any particular trade, and we want our friends who have helped us to feel that it is their victory as well as ours. I feel very grateful for the assistance given us by the American Federation of Labor and the kindly disposition shown us at all times by Mr. Gompers and the members of his executive committee.

Asked as to the situation in West Virginia and Illinois, Hatchford said:

My advice from West Virginia is to the effect that our miners are standing firm, are well pleased with the agreement reached and evince a determination to fight their battle to the end. Our purpose is to bring the miners and operators of that state together in a joint convention, that a uniform mining price may be fixed and paid for the same vein of coal, and a fair relative price for other veins within the state. As to Illinois, a convention of the Illinois miners is being held now. I have not any advice from there, but can safely predict what they will do. They will continue the struggle until fair prices are established.

ILLINOIS MINERS STILL OUT.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—Pursuant to an agreement reached at the mass meeting of the miners at Belleville, Ill., Sunday, work was resumed at a number of additional mines in the Belleville district to-day. This agreement was that all should go to work who could get the scale of 57½ cents a ton, nine run. The operators who have not agreed to pay the scale are Heinecke, Brandenburg, Donk Brothers, Crown Coal Co., Scott Coal Co., Wilderman, St. Clair and the Consolidated Coal companies.

TO KEEP JOINTS OPEN.

Vigilance Committee at Topeka Wants the Capital Kept "Wet."

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 21.—Information has reached the governor's office that a vigilance committee, composed of about 50 members, has been secretly organized here for the purpose of preventing the temperance committee from interfering with the operation of the joints during festival week. It is asserted that the vigilance committee is composed exclusively of taxpayers, many of whom are prominent merchants. They believe this temperance agitation hurts the festival and is against the business interests of the city. The methods by which the vigilance committee propose to accomplish its ends are not known. The governor will not interfere, but will let the city manage its own affairs.

McKENNA'S OPINION.

The Attorney-General Gives an Adverse Ruling on Section 22 of the Tariff Law.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Attorney-General McKenna announced his opinion in the matter of section 22 of the new tariff law at the close of the cabinet meeting to-day. He holds that goods coming directly into the United States from foreign countries through Canadian ports are not subject to the discriminating duty of 10 per cent, and also holds that foreign goods shipped from countries other than British possessions in British vessels are not subject to the discriminating duty.

HUNTER NOT GUILTY.

The Former Kentucky Republican Senatorial Aspirant Acquitted of Bribery.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 21.—The arguments in the case of Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, charged with having tried to buy three votes for \$15,000 while he was the favorite republican candidate for the United States senate last spring, were closed this morning, and about two hours after the case had been given to the jury a verdict of not guilty was returned. This determines all the bribery cases against Dr. Hunter.

CREATED THE BODY OF HIS VICTIM.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Sept. 21.—At Irons, ten miles north of San Augustine, a negro killed his wife, and then burned her body and the house in which the deed was committed. He was captured by Constable Manford at Irons and jailed at San Augustine. He confessed the crime, and there is strong talk of lynching him.

Texas Fever Near Mexico, Mo.

MEXICO, Mo., Sept. 21.—Texas fever has broken out among cattle in this county and Joseph Maxwell, who has a herd of several hundred, has already lost eight or ten. The screw worm has killed a number of cattle in the northern part of the county. There is uneasiness among cattle growers.

A Slaughter House Burned.

LOUISIANA, Mo., Sept. 21.—Pollak Bros.' cold storage and slaughter house, located in the southern part of the city, valued at \$10,000, and insured for \$6,000, burned last night. The loss is total. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

The 17th Annual Session of the National Colored Baptists is Being Held in Boston.

It was voted to hold next year's session at Kansas City, Mo.

STILL ANOTHER COLLISION.

Two Trains Come Together Near Muncie, Kan.—Several Persons Injured.

EDWARDSVILLE, Kan., Sept. 21.—A destructive head-end collision between a Rock Island westbound passenger train and an eastbound Union Pacific stock train took place two miles west of Muncie, and 15 miles west of Kansas City, at 9:30 yesterday evening.

Both trains were running at a high rate of speed, and came together with terrible force. Both engines and firemen jumped and escaped with few injuries. Both engines were completely wrecked. A great deal of damage was done to the contents of the freight cars. The baggage car was badly smashed. The wrecking crews from Kansas City and Junction City were ordered out, and will clear away the wreck. There were 11 cars of live stock on the freight train. They are piled up in awful confusion. The front postal car was completely wrecked. C. M. Webb, a postal clerk, jumped and was painfully injured about the head and shoulders. E. L. Bales and Richard Newby, postal clerks, were also severely bruised, receiving a bad scalp wound.

MISSOURI POSTMASTERS.

The President Settles Several Important Contests—Weinrick at Joplin.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The president disposed of nine presidential post office fights in Missouri yesterday. Another batch will be disposed of to-day, when the remainder of the post office plums will have to remain ungathered until Mr. McKinley returns from New England. At Beaver, Macon county, Thomas Francis was appointed. A. O. Welton won the plum at Butler over Editor O. D. Austin. The Joplin contest, which was an unusually hot one, was settled by the selection of D. K. Weinrick, who is a poet of local prominence. J. H. Jacobs was appointed at Norborne and Thomas Curry at Oregon. L. A. Brannon defeated Editor Henry Miller for the Princeton post office. William P. Quigley got the office at Tipton, while G. H. Gardner was the successful candidate at Unionville. At Willow Springs D. B. Hobson was named.

WESTERN TEXAS FLOODED.

At Ahumada People Were Driven to High Ground—Many Houses Wrecked.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 21.—Sunday night the people of Ahumada, about 50 miles south of this city, were visited by the worst flood that ever happened in the history of the state. Men, women and children were driven from their beds and had to take refuge on the high ground with their household effects. There was not a place to shelter them; many houses in town were wrecked and tumbled in great heaps, and many more are expected to collapse at any moment. The water stands four and five feet in the houses, the country is flooded for miles around and the river has overflowed its banks.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Three Men Killed and Two Others Injured at Redmon, Mo.

MACON, Mo., Sept. 21.—Joe Hayward's mill boiler, near Redmon, exploded yesterday afternoon, instantly killing Walter Ferguson, Charles Heaton and Alfred Yost. William C. Allen was mortally wounded and David Finchbaugh seriously injured. The mill was an old one used as a sawmill and for grinding corn. The proprietors were not injured. Ferguson had been employed at the mill. No criminal negligence or crime thus far has been charged.

Religion Stood in the Way.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—Eugene Burr, aged 21, and Miss Grace Ryan, aged 20, of Leavenworth, Kan., eloped to this city yesterday and were married by a Swedish minister. They are prominent in society circles, children of wealthy parents, and the news of their romantic marriage will cause a big sensation at Leavenworth. The attachment between the two young people was the cause of much feeling upon the part of the parents of the young woman, because of the fact that young Burr is a Protestant, while all of Miss Ryan's family are Catholics.

The Fort Scott Police War.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 21.—Gov. Leedy has appointed M. M. Jones and M. S. Bowen, of Fort Scott, as police commissioners at that place, to succeed Messrs. Robbins and Lowrey, removed. Mr. Jones is to be president of the board and Police Judge Shippy will be retained as chief of police. Robbins and Lowrey were removed because they had last week removed Police Judge Shippy from office.

Missouri Day at Nashville.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—Missouri day at the Tennessee centennial exposition will be October 16. Gov. Stephens was officially notified of that fact yesterday. Gov. Stephens says he is satisfied a large number of people intend to be present and help make Missouri day a great success, worthy of the fifth state of the union. The railroads will offer reduced rates.

A Special Train for Miss Whitney.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—Miss Edna Whitney, of Chillicothe, Mo., who was chosen to act as Queen Lorena at the fall festivities at Topeka, beginning Tuesday, September 27, will be taken from her home to Topeka in a special train, where she will be welcomed by knights in armor and representative ladies of the city.

Gresham Left a Small Estate.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—A final account of the estate of the late Judge Walter Q. Gresham was filed to-day in the probate court. The executrix was the widow, Matilda Gresham, and she is also the sole beneficiary. The estate amounts to \$18,602.

Say Police Law is Unconstitutional.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Sept. 21.—In the police commission fight here the attorneys have raised the point that the Kansas police commission law is unconstitutional.

Judge Thomas, of the Tahlequah Division of the Indian Territory Federal Court, Has Directed the Grand Jury to Indict all Persons Engaged in the Wholesale Destruction of Fish by whatever Method.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

CARROLLTON is now connected with Kansas City by telephone.

GLANDERS has broken out among the horses of St. Louis county.

A dog six months old was sold for \$100 in Nevada the other day.

THE Baptists at Centralia will build a handsome and modern brick church.

THE annual license fee on slot machines at Macon is \$500 for each "slot."

THERE are 25 professional music teachers at Sedalia and several amateurs.

GOV. STEPHENS has appointed Hugh Brady an election commissioner at St. Louis.

O. G. NEWTON, of Trenton, thinks he has constructed an airship that will surely fly.

THE state board of agriculture says the late corn crop has been destroyed by drought.

BURGLARS robbed the post office at Wilton, Boone county, of \$1,000 in cash and stamps.

NEVADA boasts of a 15-year-old attorney whose eloquence is said to equal that of Bryan.

JOHN SCHEPHER fell 150 feet down a mine shaft at Webb City and was instantly killed.

KANSAS CITY has a school population of 25,000, with 500 teachers and 35 school buildings.

A RACE horse named Mark Hanna is making a great record at fairs in the central part of the state.

WHILE playing with a vicious dog Carl Shoemaker, of Carthage, had both his ears bitten entirely off.

THERE is an epidemic of typhoid fever at St. Joseph, seven deaths occurring in one day recently.

THE fall term of Drury college, at Springfield, inaugurates the quarter-centennial year of that institution.

FOREST fires, as a result of severe drought, destroyed valuable timber and much farm property near Poplar Bluff.

IN Atchison county the county court offered a premium of \$100 for the best display of home products at the county fair.

IT was reported that Gov. Stephens would appoint Thomas Russell, his brother-in-law, as coal oil inspector at Kansas City.

"UNCLE JOE" IRWIN, of Kansas City, a famous fisherman, has been appointed deputy fish and game warden for western Missouri.

HORSE racing at night, on a track lighted by electricity, was one of the features of the Pettis county fair at Sedalia last week.

W. J. BRYAN was the attraction at the Farmington fair on Thursday of last week, receiving \$500 in cash for a two-hours' speech.

A ST. LOUIS justice decided recently that a note contract to pay attorney fee, in case suit is brought for collection, is not binding.

THE Southern hotel, at Eldorado Springs, and contents, with the valuables of many guests, were burned the other day. Loss, \$15,000.

WHILE digging in a well in Montgomery county Gus Holstein was overcome with foul air, became choked and fell into the water and was drowned.

THE Greene county fair at Springfield was a failure, financially, and many of the exhibitors are threatening suits to collect premium money.

MISS MAUD MASON, of Moberly, who was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Senator Cockrell, was run down by a team on the streets of Washington and fatally injured.

THE county jail at St. Joseph has been condemned as unsafe for occupancy. As the county refused to vote bonds to build a new jail, the county court is in a dilemma.

FOUR young men named Lacey, brothers, were arrested near Frisco by federal officers, charged with counterfeiting. They were betrayed by a sister whom they had offended.

GOV. STEPHENS has named the following delegates-at-large to the national irrigation congress at Lincoln, Neb., September 28: H. R. Whitmore, St. Louis; G. W. E. Griffith and James L. Lombard, Kansas City.

GROUP No. 3, of the Missouri Bankers' association, which comprises 11 counties in northwest Missouri, held a session at St. Joseph last week. W. S. Wells, Platte City, was elected president and E. M. Austin, Forest City, secretary.

THE postmaster at Saxton made a heroic effort to capture a burglar who had robbed his office of \$100. He chased the thief two miles, but lost track of him. Several shots were exchanged and the postmaster was slightly wounded.

VETERANS of southwest Missouri, in annual session at Nevada, elected Comrade Gilson, of Appleton City, president of the association. The Woman's Relief corps of the Eighth district at the same time and place, elected Mrs. Gilson for president.

ACTION that may prestage a concerted fight by the banking interests of Missouri against express companies was taken by group 10, of the Missouri Bankers' association at Joplin. They voted to hereafter not cash or collect any express money orders, and to urge other bankers to take similar action.

A FEW years ago William Jones, a farmer near St. Joseph, drew \$10,000 from the Louisiana lottery. Part of the money was claimed by a club of which he was a member. As a result of litigation and consequent worry over the matter Jones became a raving maniac and was sent to the asylum recently.

THE smallest child ever born in Warrensburg died when ten days old. It was the child of Mrs. Westbrook and weighed less than a pound.

COL. LINDSAY MURDOCK, of Marble Hill, well known as an anti-slavery man and organizer of one of the first union companies during the war, was in Washington recently seeking a political appointment.

CHARLES JOHNSON, a dissipated printer of Carthage, attempted to assault Miss Nannie Rankin, an employee of the telephone company. A mob pursued and captured him and had it not been for the officers the brute would have been hung.

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THE HANGMAN'S ART.

Federal Executioner Maledon Relates Experiences.

HAS HANGED NEARLY 100 MEN

Including Negroes and Indians, and Says They All Weaken on the Scaffold—Whiskey Caused the Crimes.

Nevada, Mo., Sept. 17.—Among those attending the encampment at Lake Park Springs, this city, of the interstate reunion of old soldiers is the world's most noted hangman, George Maledon of Fort Smith. He is a small man with iron gray chin whiskers. He was born in Bavaria in 1830, and went from Michigan to Fort Smith forty-one years ago. He hanged his first man there, sentenced by Judge Parker, in 1872.

He has continued to act as hangman for the United States court at Fort Smith ever since, hanging ninety-eight men sentenced by the late Judge Parker, who, during his term of service, sentenced 217 men to death and sent 10,000 to the penitentiary.

Speaking of his uncanny calling, Mr. Maledon said:

"At one time I had twelve men on the scaffold—five of them were executed and seven dropped at one movement of the trigger. Every neck was broken. Throughout my entire service I never strangled a man or drew blood on him. When the neck is broken the arms and shoulders drop down. When there is strangulation they shrug up."

"Ninety per cent of the men I have hung committed crimes because of whiskey, either directly or indirectly. One of them, Booth Crumpton, held up a glass on the scaffold and said:

"Young men, when you take up a glass to drink, look into the bottom and see if there is not a hangman's knot hidden there."

"One of the worst men I ever hung was Cherokee Bill. It was known that he had killed twelve men, and had doubtless murdered others. He was in the Fort Smith jail, from which no man has ever escaped. He tried to get away, and the guards fired sixty-two shots at him without mortally wounding him. During the fight he shot and killed a very popular guard, named Keaton."

"The people on the outside heard of it and attempted to mob the murderer, but the guards turned and defended him. Cherokee Bill killed his brother-in-law, and said he did it 'o'se him kick, as he was always kicking at everything.'"

"I have hung negroes, Indians and white men, and nearly all of them weaken. Some of them seemed calm, but when your hand was placed upon them you could always feel the muscles crawling and trembling. An Indian has a great horror of hanging. They would much prefer to be shot. I have had them draw a black mark on their clothes over the heart and beg me to shoot them while in their cells. They are great drunkards, and will drink red ink or any other fluid which has alcohol in it."

"Jack Spaniard was another bad man. He was the captain of the Belle Starr gang. She was shot and killed in the Red river country not very long ago by a man in ambush. She was born in Vernon county, Missouri. Jack fought like a demon when he started to the scaffold, and it was necessary to choke him down."

"Dr. Alexander was a brilliant and highly educated man, but had a bad temper. He witnessed several of my executions and then killed a man. He was sentenced, and, knowing him so well, I asked if he would prefer some other man to hang him."

"Do it yourself," he said, "you know how. Break my neck short off."

"I remember when Cherokee Bill was brought out to the scaffold. He looked at the crowd and exclaimed:

"Look at the people! I wonder what's going to happen?"

"His neck was larger around than his head, and there were those who said the rope would slip off, but it did not."

"The last man hanged was Casirago, an Italian. He was the handsomest man who ever went to the scaffold, and was sentenced for the murder of three girls and two men. One was his sweetheart, and he was jealous. He shot them all within a few minutes. It was believed that he had no ground for his jealousy."

Mr. Maledon has all the ropes with which the hanging was done. One especially good piece has hanged twenty-seven men. While talking he made a hangman's noose as a souvenir, and courteously asked if he could confer a favor by fitting it to the neck of the writer. Mr. Maledon speaks with a slightly foreign accent. His eyes are black and he carries his 67 years with great ease. He is still the Federal hangman at Fort Smith.

Says the Outlook is Encouraging.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—First Assistant Postmaster General Heath has received a letter from Senator Wolcott, in which the senator, who is at the head of the international monetary commission, speaks very encouragingly of the outlook for securing an international understanding in behalf of silver.

He refers to the decline of silver, which he says is being used every where in opposition to the efforts of the commission, but expresses the opinion that notwithstanding this adverse influence an international agreement will be secured. Senator Wolcott states that he will be in London by October 1, and that he will reach Washington before the convening of congress in December.

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Rich, Ind.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 16.—Mike Kedney, an M. K. & T. section man, while at work yesterday, near Beaman, unearthed a rusty iron teakettle filled with gold and silver coins amounting it is reported, to about \$1,200. The coins consisted of Spanish silver dollars, a few California \$5 gold pieces and other pieces of American mintage. The money is supposed to have been buried in 1861 by a farmer by the name of John Emory, who died at Beaman some 15 years ago, without disclosing where he had hidden his treasure.

Kentucky Legislators Indicted.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 17.—The grand jury has indicted for gambling Representative John B. Johns of Pike county, Representative W. H. Suggs of Louisville, R. H. Dorr, a Louisville capitalist, James E. Stone, clerk of the Senate, Albert E. Scott of Louisville and John Hollenbeck of Louisville. The misdemeanor consisted of poker playing for money and other things of value, while at a hotel here during the recent legislative session.

"Buck" Kilgore May Die.

Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 18.—Ex-Congressman "Buck" Kilgore, now United States judge in this district, is critically ill with cirrhosis. The attending physicians this morning gave up all hope of his recovery, saying he might live a month, but that death was likely to occur at any hour. He has been apprised of his condition.



For sale by Wilson & Lyman, wholesale cigars, 304 Walnut, Kansas City. All leading dealers in this county handle the above cigars.