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IDEAS.

A man cannot speak but he judges himself. With his will or against his will he draws his portrait to the eyes of his companions by every word. Every opinion reacts on him who utters it. It is a thread-ball thrown at a mark, but the other end remains in the thrower's bag. Or, rather, it is a harpoon thrown at a whale, unwinding, as it flies, a coil of cord in the boat, and, if the harpoon is not good, or not well thrown, it will go nigh to cut the steersman in twain or sink the boat.—Emerson, in "Compensation."

IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

The case against the packers has come to an unexpected stop. It has been decided by Judge Humphry of the Federal Court that the fact that the defendants gave Commissioner Garfield the information on which the cases depend renders them immune from prosecution. This does not make it impossible to touch the corporations, but only the individuals who are now being prosecuted. While the people of the United States would be glad to see the men who have been bleeding them for the last twenty years made examples by prison sentences, it must be remembered that the object of this prosecution is first of all reform of existing conditions and not revenge. Slowly but surely publicity is working reform.

It is said that machinery has been ordered for the excavations in the so-called diamond fields of Elliott county and that by May 1 the work will begin. An expert declares that he has found unmistakable traces of extinct volcanoes there and that far below the surface will be found the necks of these volcanoes in which the diamonds will be found. A stock company has been organized and work will be pushed until the field either fails or "pans out."

And now it is the turn of the anthracite coal barons. Everybody's Magazine has an article this month by Harley Davis in which it is declared that the anthracite coal trust is more grasping, more powerful, and more dangerous to the welfare of the country as a whole than even Standard Oil. A very interesting article is made and the promise of some surprising disclosures.

War is always terrible and we long for a state of things that will make it impossible for men to kill one another. But that time has not come as yet and the wail of sentimentalists over the killing of outlaws in the island of Jolo a few days ago is decidedly out of place. There is no room any longer for barbarism that has existed in some parts of the Philipines for centuries. It is a case of the hostile and barbarous Indians of the West over again. The army was hampered by the sentimentalists then and Congress had an investigation every time a brush with the hostiles was had. Killing those who will not be civilized has always been necessary and it is no more cruel than the leath by smallpox of those who will not be vaccinated. Women and children were not purposely killed and when one sees another at the other end of a gun he does not stop to be introduced.

FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

It has practically been determined by the English government not to introduce a larger program for Irish legislation during the present session of Parliament, but it is expected that such legislation will be introduced early in next session. It is believed that the government's Irish program will prove exceedingly liberal, and possibly include an assembly to sit in Dublin.

A failure of crops and a consequent famine are afflicting three prefectures of Japan and over a million people are suffering. Assistance, both private and official, is active, but is entirely inadequate to the necessities of the occasion. Aid is also being sent from foreign countries.

Affairs in Russia are far from promising. The people do not seem to take the elections to the national assembly at all seriously and the revolutionists are pursuing a policy of assassination and guerrila warfare. The aristocracy are also working against the success of the liberal party and the Czar seems afraid to let go his hold upon the autocracy. The conditions are such that it would not be surprising if the new policy should be given up and the old repressive measures once more resorted to.

General Kuropatkin, the Russian general who made the last stand against the Japanese, in his last order of the day to his troops, gave as the reasons for the Russian defeat by their enemies the bureaucratic form of the Russian government and the immorality and inefficiency of the Russian officers.

FIRE IN JOHNSTOWN

The City Threatened With a Disaster That Almost Rivals the Great Flood.

THE BUSINESS SECTION BURNING.

Loss Estimated at Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars, One Fireman Dead and Others Hurt.

The Flames Spread Rapidly Regardless of the Efforts of a Dozen Fire Companies—Stricken City Is in Darkness.

Johnstown, Pa., March 28.—With a monetary loss that is estimated at nearly a million dollars, one fireman killed, several seriously hurt by falling walls, Johnstown is threatened with devastation that almost rivals that of the great flood. The fire broke out at 12:30 o'clock in the center of the business section and spread rapidly. The fire started from an unknown cause.

Notwithstanding the efforts of 12 fire companies the blaze continued to spread in all directions and it was feared help would have to be summoned from neighboring towns.

The whole business district is in peril of being destroyed. William Campbell, a fireman, was caught under a falling wall and crushed to death. His body was recovered. The volunteer fire department is helpless. The equipment is inadequate and the hose is constantly bursting. The town is without electric light or power, the wires of the electric light company having been burned.

One Man Missing.

The building of the Johnstown Journal has been entirely consumed. G. H. Santamoure, telegrapher for the Publishers Press association, is missing and it is feared he has perished.

The building of the Henderson Furniture Co. was almost destroyed while the Foster building and Greer building is also burning.

The fire started in the five-story brick building of the Swank Hardware Co., at Main and Bedford streets. A general alarm was turned in and all the firemen of the city are fighting the flames.

The Swank Hardware Co. was the largest wholesale hardware establishment between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Structures adjoining the Swank hardware building are also on fire. It is not yet known how the blaze started. A large quantity of powder and oil are stored in the hardware store and it is not believed that the flames can be checked before they reach it. Grave apprehension is felt as to the result when the powder and oil is ignited.

While many streams of water are being played on the hardware building there is little hope of saving any part of it and the chief work of the firemen is being directed towards saving surrounding property.

TO PREVENT LYNCHING.

A Former Minister Was Hurriedly Removed From Lamar, Col.

La Junta, Col., March 28.—Rev. W. Couley Connell, former pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lamar, who is held for trial on a charge of immoral conduct, was safely lodged in jail here after having been hurriedly removed from Lamar to prevent a lynching. Connell left Lamar two weeks ago. He was arrested at Waxahachie, Tex., and was brought back to Lamar Monday. Several hundred men thronged the streets threatening to hang the minister. On being arraigned in court Connell waived examination, acknowledging his guilt. Later under heavy guard he was removed in a wagon to Las Animas, where he was placed on board a train and brought to this place.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

Former City and County Officials of Buffalo in Trouble.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 28.—Confessions made to the grand jury by Rowland J. Conover, the contractor who has been convicted of grand larceny in the first degree for his connection with a county contract for the removal of bodies from an old cemetery, will result in the issue of warrants for the arrest of 23 former city and county officials. Eleven indictments were found by the grand jury on the statements Conover made before it.

Theater Destroyed By Fire.

Meriden, Ct., March 28.—The Meriden theater, a wooden structure, and a four-story brick building adjoining it were burned, entailing a loss of about $115,000. Both buildings were owned by the Wilcox Realty Co. Two firemen were injured.

Fire at Statesville, N. C.

Statesville, N. C., March 28.—A disastrous fire broke out on Broad street. Four brick buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at from $40,000 to $50,000. For a time the whole business section of the city was threatened.

AS WAS EXPECTED

Joint Scale Committee of the Miners in the Central District Reported a Disagreement.

NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION.

Unless an Agreement Is Reached Before Saturday 225,000 Workers in Four States Will Be Called Out.

So Far as Can Be Determined the Opposing Sides Are No Nearer a Settlement Than They Were in January.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 28.—The joint scale committee of the bituminous coal operators of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Tuesday reported a disagreement to the joint conference of the central competitive district and after a session of three hours the conference adjourned to meet Wednesday.

The discussions and arguments presented during the afternoon by the representatives of the miners and operators showed no change whatever in the situation and established the fact that so far as indications can determine the opposing sides are no nearer a wage agreement than they were in January when the first conference was held. The present wage scale will expire Saturday and unless an agreement is reached before its expiration 225,000 miners in the four states will be called from the mines.

President Mitchell opened the afternoon session by offering a resolution as a basis of settlement. It was the restoration of the scale, the mining scale, and the day wage scale and the dead work scale of 1903.

J. H. Winder, chairman of the operators, offered as a substitute a motion to adopt the present scale with all conditions existing at the time of its adoption with the mining rate at Danville, Ill., for a base and to include all cost of shooting, loading, timbering and inspection of shots.

Both Sides Firm.

Speeches were made for the operators by J. C. Kolsem and Phil Penna, of Indiana; H. N. Taylor, of Illinois, and H. L. Taylor, of Illinois, and H. L. Chapman, of Ohio, all expressing the determination of the operators of those states to oppose an increase in wages and to refuse to pay an advance. For the miners, President John Mitchell, Vice President T. L. Lewis and Secretary W. B. Wilson, of the national organization, together with President H. C. Perry, of the Illinois miners; President William Green, of the Ohio miners, and President Wellington O'Connor, of the Indiana miners, expressed the determination of the miners to insist upon their demand for the restoration of the wage scale of 1903, which is an increase of 5.55 per cent. F. L. Robbins, of the Western Pennsylvania operators, who favors the payment of the increase demanded by the miners, did not speak during the afternoon.

Phil Penna, the Indiana operator, in his speech, suggested the settlement of the differences by arbitration.

FOR TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

Gift of $665,000 Will Accrue Finally By the Will of Andrew T. Dotger.

New York, March 28.—A gift of $665,000 will accrue finally to the Tuskegee institute, Alabama, by the will of the late Andrew T. Dotger, a retired merchant of this city, who died two months ago at his home in South Orange, N. J. By the terms of Mr. Dotger's will the residue of the estate after all his bequests are paid, will go to Tuskegee at death of his widow. The absolute value of the estate is unknown, but the appraisers filed the inventory of the personal property proving it to be worth $994,932. Of the real estate, much of it is valuable property in this city, no inventory was filed but enough is known of the total value of the estate to make sure that Tuskegee will receive $665,000.

Manager of the Dayton Club.

South Bend, Ind., March 28.—Edward P. Louzan, of New Orleans, has been signed to succeed the late Hub Knoll as manager and captain of the Dayton Central League team. Umpires Bongers, Rigler and Pfeffer will report to President Carson April 5.

To Raise Price of Hardware.

Pittsburg, March 28.—The executive committee of the American Hardware Manufacturers' association began a two days' session here. A new scale of prices was discussed at length with a strong tendency toward a general raise in prices.

Prisoners Burned To Death.

Corsicana, Tex., March 28.—A negro prisoner at the county farm, two miles from here, set fire to his cell in an effort to escape. He and three other colored prisoners were burned to death and a fifth fatally burned.

Burned in Effigy.

Madison, Wis., March 28.—At a University of Wisconsin student demonstration Tuesday night, held in indignation over the faculty's hostility to football, leading anti-football professors were burned in effigy.

MEDICAL OFFICES.

Order Issued by the Postmaster General to Close Certain Illegal Concerns.

ARE REFUSED THE USE OF MAILS.

The Condition of Affairs Developed Under Department's Investigation of these Concerns Is Appaling.

It Is Alleged That As High As 20 Criminal Operations a Day Were Performed in Some of These "Offices."

Washington, March 26.—Orders have been issued by the postmaster general instructing the postmasters at New York and Brooklyn to refuse to admit to the mails the advertisements of 52 illegal "medical offices" located in those cities and also to refuse to deliver mail matter received addressed to the fictitious and assumed names under which parties conducting these concerns hide their identity. For some time past the department has had inspectors working in New York gathering the necessary evidence to close the mails in these cases and the officials of the department Sunday expressed the belief that practically all of the criminal concerns of this character in these cities have been covered.

A statement given out at the post office says: "The condition of affairs which has developed under the department's investigation in all of these cities has been appalling. It was found that in a large number of instances those engaged in conducting these offices have criminal records and are "dope fiends." In Boston one of the concerns excluded by the department from the mails was supposed to have been the office at which was performed the fatal operation upon the young woman Susan Geary—the suit case murder. One of the "doctors" whom the department found identified with several of these "offices" in Boston was also connected with the Susan Geary case. The number of deaths that have been caused in these offices can never be known.

The volume of business done by these concerns was large. It was said that as high as 20 criminal operations a day were performed in some of these offices, and that the income sometimes ranged as high as $2,000 a week.

STANDARD OIL HEARING.

John D. Archbold, Vice President of the Company, Testifies.

New York, March 27.—John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard Oil Co., was the principal witness Monday in the hearing conducted by Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, before United States Commissioner Sanborn. In response to Mr. Hadley's direct question:

"Who is the active head of the Standard Oil Co.?" Mr. Archbold replied that there was "No master mind" in Standard Oil, that it consisted of an "aggregation of individuals." Mr. Archbold also volunteered the statement that John D. Rockefeller had no desire to evade any questions; that Mr. Rockefeller knew nothing about the matters concerned in the present suit, but that if Mr. Hadley wished to go to Lakewood and question him, he would find Mr. Rockefeller willing to answer questions. Mr. Hadley interrupted this statement with the remark: "There is only one way to examine witnesses here."

THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

A New Team Was Installed in the Third Place.

Louisville, Ky., March 27.—Amid the greatest enthusiasm manifested since the opening night the five men teams in the national tournament of the American Bowling Congress came to an end Monday night, the result of the evening's bowling being the installation of a new team in third place. The Brunswick-Balke-Collender team, of Chicago, rolled a grand total of 2,754 and thereby nosed out of third place the First National Bank team, also of Chicago, which for several days has been occupying the coveted place with a total of 2,750.

Reached An Agreement.

Washington, March 27.—A cablegram was received at the state department from Ambassador White, stating that the Algeciras conference had practically reached an agreement upon the question of policing Morocco, which was the most difficult issue before the conference. The agreement is along the line laid down by President Roosevelt.

A Cyclone in Oklahoma.

Perry, Okla., March 27.—Three persons sustained severe injuries and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed in a tornado that struck the neighborhood south of Billings, Okla.

Because She Wouldn't Elope.

New York, March 27.—Because Louise Franchini, a pretty Italian girl, the daughter of the proprietor of the Tivoli restaurant refused to elope with him, Victor Custini, a former waiter, shot and killed her, then committed

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