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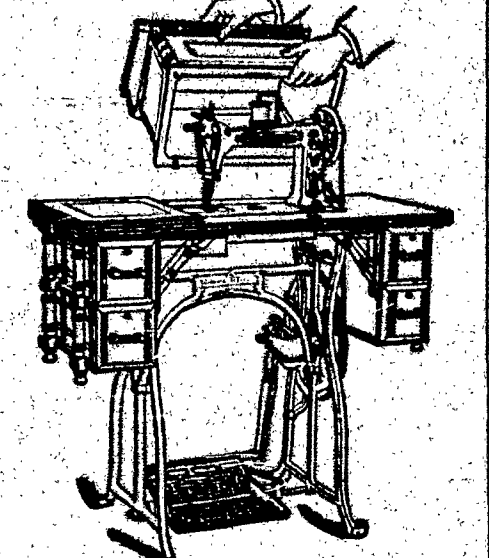
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## WILL RUN THE MINES

PENNSYLVANIA OPERATORS MEET IN PHILADELPHIA.

Coal Miners to Be Given Until May 23 to Return to Work—Mines to Be Thrown Open as That Time and Workmen Will Be Protected—Operators Decide to Run Their Mines at All Hazards.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—An important meeting of bituminous coalmine operators from the central Pennsylvania region, where the miners are now on strike, was held in this city.

Every operator in the district was present and it was agreed that the men should be given until May 23 to return to work. If they fail to do so by that time the mines will be thrown open to whoever seeks employment; and those men who decide to go to work will be protected by the operators.

The 25 operators who participated in the conference left the city for their homes determined to run their mines at all hazards.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the operators unanimously agree that it is impossible to pay their employees more than their present wages of 40 cents per ton for digging coal.

There was not a dissenting voice when the motion was put on the adoption of this resolution, and the agreement was generally signed by those present.

The territory represented embraces what is known as the Clearfield and Allegheny districts.

Between 10,000 and 12,000 miners are employed, all of them being either Irish, Hungarian or Swedish, the first named race predominating.

Since the men went out on April 1, pursuant to orders issued by the president of the National Mine Workers union, they have remained quiet and orderly. Reports received here from time to time indicated that the men have simply awaited the outcome of the negotiations, which they felt would enter into with the employers, and have shown no tendency to be unruly or impatient.

**GHASTLY DISCOVERY.**  
Horrible Tragedy in a New York Tenement House.  
New York, May 21.—A most terrible case of murder and suicide was discovered here. The murderer killed his mother by cutting her throat and then ended his own existence by the same means.

The mother was 90 years old and the son about 50. Extreme poverty is said to have been the cause.

In the bedroom, about 8 feet wide by 10 long, each on a single bed, lay the bodies of mother and son, covered with blood. The throat of each was cut from ear to ear and the red fluid was all over the bed-clothing, floor, and was spattered on the walls. The heads were almost severed from their bodies.

A blood-stained razor told the story of the tragedy.

The mother was clothed only in her nightgown. The son's hand was covered with his mother's blood. The right hand still clutched the razor.

The police came to the conclusion that the son had first killed his mother and then himself. The rooms were poorly furnished but clean. In a box was found \$4.71.

A bankbook indicated that there was \$16 to the son's credit. Recently \$4 was withdrawn. It is supposed that fear of poverty led the son to commit the crime. He had been out of work some time, and with no prospect of getting anything it is supposed that he ended their lives rather than face the impending struggle.

**ANARCHIST GUILLOTINED.**  
Emile Henry Executed for the Hotel Terminus Explosion.

Paris, May 21.—Emile Henry, the author of the explosion in the cafe of the Hotel Terminus, was guillotined at 4:14 this morning.

As Henry emerged from the prison gates he shouted "Vive la Anarchie," which he repeated just before he was seized and thrown on the guillotine. There was no disorder.

**Salvation Army Conference Closed.**  
New York, May 18.—The Salvation Army conference has closed. At Mr. McArthur's church there was a spiritual help by the staff and field officers, about 300 in number being present. The exercises were led by Commander and Mrs. Booth.

After the conference the Salvationists met at their headquarters where a collation was served. Prayers and singing closed the ceremonies and the conference came to an end.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Amendments and Overtures Introduced by Various Members.

ALBANY, May 22.—The following amendments to the constitution were introduced in the convention:

Mr. McMillan, an amendment prohibiting the sale or lease of the Erie canal and defining its extent.

Also, prohibiting riders on supply or appropriation bills.

Also, relative to exemption from taxation of state lands, or lands held in fee by the United States.

Mr. Marks, increasing the salary of senators and assemblymen to \$3,300.

Also, providing for additional jurors to fill vacancies in juries by death or disability.

Also, relative to the taking of private property for public use.

Also, providing for a court of pardons, to consist of the governor and three judges of the court of appeals.

Mr. Vedder, providing for a reapportionment of senate and assembly districts.

Mr. Marks, making terms of office of senators three years and assemblymen two years.

Mr. Vedder, increasing the number of judges of the court of appeals to 12 members.

Mr. Dean, overture to amend article 7 to extend the right of the legislature to contract debts, and to provide for the completion of the state capital.

Also, to amend article 2, to enfranchise women, to disfranchise mercenary voters, to suspend the rights of suffrage under certain conditions to preserve the integrity of the ballot.

Also, abolishing all commissions except those composed of elective officers, and prohibiting the power of creating permanent commissions.

Also, amending section 3, article 1, guaranteeing religious freedom and restraining the legislature from making grants of money or credit to or in aid of sectarian institutions and abolishing exemptions of sectarian institutions from taxation.

Also, increasing the age limit of judges and justices from 70 to 75 years and abolishing the pensioning of such judges or justices as may have served 10 years.

Also, annulling the charter of the Cataract Electric company and an argument in support of same.

Also, dividing the cities of the state into two classes of over and under 50,000 inhabitants, and extending to them the rights of home rule legislation now held by the legislature.

The sittings of the convention were fixed to commence Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and adjourn on Friday.

**DEADLY EXPLOSION.**  
Workmen Caught in a Shower of Molten Metal—Five Men Burned.

BUFFALO, May 18.—With a rumbling roar which could be heard blocks away, the furnace of the Buffalo School Furniture company exploded, filling the building with blinding smoke and steam and hurling molten metal in all directions.

A large number of workmen were busy about the crucibles at the time and the shower of white-hot iron covered them before they had time to flee.

The facts proved to be less serious than imagined, though only too serious as it was. The following men were found to have been burned by the flying metal or struck by the scorpion blown from the furnace:

JOHN SCHNEIDER, fatally injured.  
SAMUEL HENRY, probably fatal injuries.  
FRANK ORCE, seriously, but may recover.  
FRANK REBERT, badly burned.  
GEORGE SCHNEIDER, serious burns and contusions.

Several others more or less injured whose names could not be learned.

All of the injured men are married but Henry has no children.

About 75 men were at work in the foundry.

The exact cause of the accident cannot be determined. One theory is that a bomb of some kind was among the scrap iron being melted in the furnace and the heat caused it to explode. Another is that gas generated by the coke burned in the furnace exploded.

**Carlisle Harris' Father Injured.**  
SYRACUSE, May 18.—Charles W. Harris, father of the famous Carlisle Harris, has gone crazy. Just previous to the execution of his son the elder Harris came to Syracuse to live, with the intention of recovering if possible from the terrible mental strain to which he had been subjected. He has since lived a quiet life, his identity being known to few. Lately, however, he has manifested evidence of an unbalanced mind, and a few days ago he was sent to an asylum. It is thought that his insanity was hastened by the notoriety given to the recent execution of the murderer Dink Wilson.

**Watching the Wicked People.**  
CHICAGO, May 21.—A Waukegan, Wis., dispatch states that a secret meeting of ministers and others has just been held there to check what they called the gross immorality prevalent at Waukegan. It was declared that a detective had been hired to watch the wicked people and see just what they did. The Rev. J. D. Blue held aloft a document which he said contained the names of girls and married women, members of the most respectable families in the place, who had been found to be frequenters of the still saloons.

**Frye Draws the Long Bow.**  
CINCINNATI, May 18.—General Frye, whose industrial command is encamped in Lawrenceburg, Ind., was in the city. He said he had 1,000 organizers at work and that the industrial army of the United States now numbers 150,000. He asserted that within 30 days he would have 200,000 men in Washington.

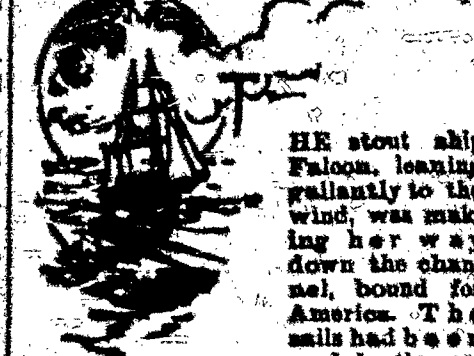
**Dr. Meyer Found Guilty.**  
NEW YORK, May 19.—After remaining one all night, the jury in the trial of Dr. Meyer, charged with the murder of Ludwig Brandt, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. This entails a sentence of imprisonment for life.

**Breakridge's Friends Desert.**  
WASHINGTON, May 21.—The petition sent to Colonel Breakridge from Lexington asking him to withdraw from the congressional race was, it is said, signed by a score of his old friends.

**Chicago Officers Indicted.**  
CHICAGO, May 21.—Two aldermen, three police officers and four judges and clerks of election were indicted for alleged violation of election laws.

**Katie Rapp Dead.**  
JERSEY CITY, May 17.—Katie Rapp had died in Christ hospital. The girl's death makes Abrahamson's crime murder in the first degree.

## THE STOWAWAY



HE stout ship Falcon, leaving gallantly to the wind, was making her way down the channel, bound for America. The sails had been reefed, the cables coiled and everything made snug for the night.

Captain Essex paced to and fro on his quarter-deck, gruffly humming a little song.

His little song was interrupted by a sudden commotion in the forward part of the vessel. There was a sound of loud, angry talking, followed by the frightened sobbing of a child.

"Hallo!" exclaimed Captain Essex. "What is the meaning of that row?"

"A stowaway, sir," answered one of the men from below.

"A stowaway on my ship?" growled the captain. "Bring the rascal here! We'll give him a taste of the rope's end first, and then—what is that?"

"The stowaway, sir," was the response, as two of the crew approached, leading between them a very small and very ragged boy.

The anger in the captain's face gave place to a look of astonishment, mingled with pity, as his eye rested upon the shivering form of the intruder. But he maintained the sternness of his tone as he addressed the boy.

"Well," said he, "what are you doing here?"

"N-nothing, sir," was the trembling reply.

"Where are you, and where did you come from? Speak up, now! No nonsense!"

"I'm Joby—Joby Oliver, sir," said the boy, between the sobs, which he vainly endeavored to choke down. "I live by the docks, sir."

"What are you doing here, then?"

"I—I hid away down below, and—they found me. I wasn't doing anything. I didn't touch a thing. I thought they wouldn't find me. I'm not very big, you see, and I don't weigh much."

He broke down with a gasp and pressed his small, grimy fists into his streaming eyes.

"I haven't any mother and father, you see, and I have to earn my own living. Everybody says 'he's too small. What's he good for?' And they don't take me; though I am strong. I can lift a trunk—a little one. I can run errands, very fast, but everybody says 'oh, he's too ragged and too dirty.' If I could get jobs, you see, I could get a new suit of clothes. But I can't get jobs, and I can't get clothes, and everybody don't want me, and—"

A fresh storm of sobs shook the little frame.

"But you haven't told me yet what you are doing on board this ship?" said the captain, preserving his severity with an effort.

"They said the ship was going to America," answered the boy. "Everybody is rich in America. Everybody wants you there, you see. Tom Dixey went there, and he makes a load of money."

"That's all very well," responded the captain, "but people who go to America pay for their passage, and to hide away so as to go without paying, is just the same as stealing so much money. Don't you know that?"

Evidently the boy had not taken that view of the question. He looked



up at the captain's stern face with a frightened and startled expression. Then he began a hurried search in the pockets of his ragged jacket. From one he drew forth two coppers, from another a silver shilling, and from a third a shilling. These he held out toward the captain.

"This is all I have got now. I earned the shilling and the two pennies; the shilling a gentleman gave me. It's broken, but it's good silver all the same."

"And what am I to do with these?" asked the captain.

"To pay my fare," replied the boy. "It's most enough, I think. I will earn the rest when I get over there."

The good captain could maintain his gravity no longer. A smile lighted up his rugged features, as he said kindly:

"There, there Joby, keep your money, my boy. You are an honest little fellow, after all. You stay with me on the Falcon, and we will make a man of you. How will that suit you?"

Joby was delighted, of course. The sailors, who are wonderfully handy at such things, devised a suit of clothing for his small body. He speedily became a great favorite with the crew of the Falcon, proving himself to be active and intelligent, and what is far better, extremely honest and trustworthy.

steadily since leaving the channel, and on the fourth week out was struck by a heavy gale from the northeast. All day long the good ship labored with the mountainous waves leaping and plunging till it seemed as though the groaning creaking masts must come out of her.

With the fall of the night the gale increased in violence. The captain remained on deck, taking a position near the rail where he could keep an eye on the rigging. Near him, sheltered by the bulwarks, sat little Joby, on a coil of rope.

At first the noise and confusion, the thunder of the water, the shriek of the wind through the cordage, and the wild pitching of the ship had frightened the boy. But when by the light of the lanterns he saw the calm, resolution of the captain's face, he felt relieved, and rather enjoyed the excitement of the storm.

Suddenly, just as the captain was shouting an order through his trumpet, a vast billow struck the vessel's side with an awful roar, throwing tons of water on the deck. Before he could save himself, the captain was lifted from his feet and swung overboard into the sea.

Almost at the same instant a small figure was seen to leap upon the rail, clinging there a moment, and then leap out into the darkness and then disappear.

"Man overboard!"

The terrible cry rang above the roar of the tempest. For a moment all was panic and confusion. Then, under the mate's command, the ship was rounded to, with her head to the wind, and a boat ordered to be lowered.

"No use," said one of the men to the mate, who stood by the rail near where the captain had fallen overboard. "We could never find him in the daytime, let alone such a night as this."

"I'm afraid not," answered the mate, sadly. Poor old man! Poor boy! Hark, what was that?

"Falcon, ahoy!" The shout came loud and strong from the darkness, not twenty yards from where the ship lay.

"The captain!" shouted a dozen glad voices.

"Belay your jaw there, ye lubbers! Tell on to that line and haul us aboard, or we'll be adrift."

Line! Us! What could he mean? But the mates had already discovered a curious thing—a light but strong rope, fastened to a ring in the bulwark and extending outward into the darkness, toward the spot whence the captain's voice proceeded. It was drawn tight, as if some heavy burden were tugging at the end of it.

In an instant sturdy arms were pulling at it with a will. Then a stout rope was lowered, and up to it, like a monkey, scrambled Joby, followed more slowly by Captain Essex.

Joby, with his eye on the captain, had seen him carried overboard. He knew that one end of the coil of light, tough rope upon which he sat was secured to the bulwark. Without pausing to think of his own danger, he took the free end in his teeth, and was in the water nearly as soon as the captain himself.

Though he could swim like a duck, he was borne helplessly along on the crest of the waves, almost into the arms of Captain Essex, who caught him as he was sweeping by. The captain fastened the line about both of their bodies; and partly swimming and partly towed by the ship, they had managed to keep their heads above water until the Falcon was hove to.

The storm blew itself out during the night, and the next morning dawned clear and calm. All the forenoon Joby was observed to be very grave and silent, as if he were pondering some important question. Finally he presented himself before the captain in his cabin.

"Well, my boy," said the captain, "what can I do for you?"

"A man's life is worth a good deal of money, isn't it?" asked Joby, wringing his cap as he spoke. "Not a boy like me but a grown man?"

"Yes, of course, my lad."

"Well, then," said Joby, twisting his hat still more nervously, "they say I saved your life last night. I don't say it was much, you see. Any fellow who could swim could do the same; only I happened to do it."

"Yes, you certainly did, Joby. And what then?"

"You see—you see," stammered Joby. "I thought—I thought that you would pay for my passage; and then it wouldn't be stealing, you know."

Joe could not make out why the captain's voice should be so husky, as he said:

"Joby, my lad, while old Tom Essex's bulk holds together, and a single timber of him floats, you shall never want for a berth or be without a friend."

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