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F. W. DENTON SUMS UP THE STRIKE SITUATION FROM THE TWO ANGLES

(Continued from page one.)

Mr. Denton said. "But this organization, I firmly believe, did not number one-tenth of the workers of this district when it called the strike. We now have ten thousand men working, and it certainly does not represent them. It does represent about twenty-five hundred strikers at this time. Is it right for us to submit to the representatives of twenty-five hundred men when ten thousand men now employed refuse such representation?"

Mr. Denton explained the operations of the Western Federation of Miners as he had seen them in actual practice. He said that after the strike had been in progress for weeks, after fully 50 per cent of the former employees had been driven from the location by intimidation, some of his men began to go back to work. Then began a campaign of guerrilla warfare, he said. A house in which lived a number of Lithuanians was shot up, six bullets having pierced it. The return to work was checked.

There was peace again for a time and former employes again took heart and began to return to work and then occurred the murders of Thomas Dally and the Jane brothers. Mr. Denton characterized these murders as a deliberate enterprise for the stopping or checking of the return-to-work movement, and he admitted that it was an effectual check. That was three weeks ago, and it was not till Monday of this week that more men began coming in, looking for work.

Companies' Books Thrown Open

Referring to the government investigations, Mr. Denton said that he and the other managers had thrown their books open to the investigators, to Mr. Moffitt and to Mr. Palmer. The managers suggested that the only manner in which the right of the Western Federation of Miners in this district could be shown was for that organization to be equally frank and to show how many actual members, by its books, it had in this district at the time of the calling of the strike July 23. The investigators, as far as Mr. Denton ever has been able to learn, did not try to gain access to

the Western Federation books, or if they did they were not successful. No reports of their investigations have been made public.

Mr. Denton takes the stand that only about 10 per cent of the miners of the district have consented to permitting the Western Federation of Miners to act for them and that this small proportion is not enough to override the rights of the great bulk of the workers. He insists that the matter has now gone too far, what the companies have proved that the federation has no status here as representing the workers, but rather that the workers do not want the federation recognized and they would not accede to it even if the companies would.

FINE MAN FOR STRIKING MATCH AT A "MOVIE"

Calumet Panic Disaster Causes a Judge in St. Louis to Give a Warning

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—In view of the fatal panic at Calumet, Mich., which was caused by a baseless cry of "fire!" Judge Sanders, in the Dayton street police court, assessed a fine of \$5 and costs against Harry Topel, 2333 Montgomery street, who was charged with striking a match Thursday night in a moving picture show at Prairie and St. Louis avenues.

It was testified that, at the sudden flash of the match in the darkness, a number of women and children sprang in alarm from their seats. When a man sitting beside Topel demonstrated Topel struck him and was ejected by the manager, Robert Sherwood, who caused his arrest. Judge Sanders remarked that, because of the tragedy in Calumet persons should beware of acts likely to induce a panic.

Topel's defense was that he was intoxicated.

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YALE ATHLETES QUIT PARTY TO FIGHT FIRE

Former Stars of Gridiron and Diamond Forget Evening Clothes When Blaze Starts

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Dressed in evening clothes, Yale and Harvard veterans of the gridiron and diamond last night wielded fire hose and pike poles in fighting a fire across an alley from the University club. The athletes were attending a banquet on the eighth floor when the fire broke out on the eleventh floor of an adjoining building.

Forgetting their toasts to one of their number who is to be married soon, the men rushed to the eleventh floor of the club building and from a fireescape fought the blaze across a 10-foot alley. They had a line of hose pouring water on the flames before the fire department arrived. Soon white shirt fronts were pulpy with smoke and water, but the collegians continued their work in relays until the fire was out. The fire caused only small damage.

In the fire-fighting crew were Henry Hobbs, all-American Yale tackle for three years; C. G. Osborne, Harvard football tackle; W. H. Stillwell, Yale halfback; Stanley Keith, Princeton tennis star; Howard Linn, Yale halfback and all-American shortstop for three years, and Howard H. Logan, Yale champion trap shot.

Edward Cudahy, Jr., one of the party, was painfully cut over the right eye by a splinter of glass which struck him while handling a hose on the fire escape.

Two city firemen were injured by falling glass. Thousands of spectators watched the fire fighting from the streets.

U. S. COMMERCE COURT IS A THING OF THE PAST

Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States Commerce Court went out of existence today, under legislative enactment.

WOMEN MUST WAIT

PLEA FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED YET.

DEMOCRATS AGAINST "CAUSE"

Workers for Universal Franchise Are Not Discouraged, However, and Are Flooding Congress With Petitions and Memorials.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—While many leaders of the suffrage movement are camped in Washington and have announced their intention to stay here until congress shall act on the subject of a suffrage amendment to the constitution, there seems to be no likelihood that the house committee on rules will give any consideration, for at least a month, to the plea of the suffragists for a regular house committee to consider suffrage questions.

The suffragists have headquarters in this city, regular office rooms, in fact, in which they have a bureau of information, a bureau of speakers and other bureaus devoted to all branches of the work necessary to get votes for women. Near the headquarters of the suffragists are the headquarters of the anti-suffragists and both camps of women are busily engaged in forwarding the causes which they have at heart.

The women of the congressional circle are divided into two houses, one which stands for suffrage and the other which is against it. The congressional women in the main reflect the opinions of their husbands, although it is true that there are some women who believe in suffrage and who are working for it whose husbands are in congress and make speeches in opposition to the cause which their wives favor.

It seems to be certain that the leaders of the Democratic party in congress are opposed to the creation of a suffrage committee in the house. The Democratic party as a national party is not in favor of suffrage. At any rate it has not declared for it in a national platform. The southern members largely are against the plan to extend the voting privilege to women, and while there are as many northern Democrats in the lower house as there are southern Democrats, a goodly portion of the Democrats from the north also are opposed to suffrage. The Democratic majority in the house against suffrage, if every man voted according to his convictions, would be enormous.

Rules Committee Opposed.

Of course the mere creation of a committee on suffrage in the house of representatives would not commit the Democratic party to the women's cause, but the leaders seem to feel that it would be a sort of an entering wedge of sanction and so they are believed to be opposed to the creation of such a subsidiary body.

The rules committee, the majority in which is composed of men prominent in the councils of the Democratic party and prominent in all legislative matters in congress, stands in opposition to woman suffrage, but it is possible that this majority will consent eventually to a compromise and will add to the duties of an already established committee the duty of considering the suffrage petitions and reporting on suffrage bills.

The women who are arguing with the congressmen in behalf of a committee on suffrage say that no already constituted committee can handle the additional work which will come before it if suffrage duties are added to its daily labors. They promise that if a separate and independent committee on suffrage is appointed they will give it plenty to do. Already they are sending petitions, memorials and pleas into the houses of congress in such numbers that it will tax the

strength and the time of the committees to which they are now sent to give them due consideration.

Women Not Discouraged.

The suffrage women are very much in earnest apparently. They are not dismayed, they say, by the seeming determination of the house rules committee to postpone action on their recent petition. They say they fought for years and years before suffrage was given them in any state and now that they have been heartened to the fight by success in the west and the middle west they will keep at it until the constitution of the United States recognizes women as being equal citizens with men.

The anti-suffragists are just about as busy as the suffragists, but their organization is nothing like the equal in efficiency of that of their sisters. The "antia" have opened new headquarters here at which their associations in other cities are represented and they have also formed a District Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage and have established headquarters from which to wage their fight against their sisters who want to vote.

Mrs. Augustus P. Gardner, wife of Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who recently was defeated for the governorship of that state, is the president of the District anti-suffragist body. Mrs. Weeks, wife of Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Sherley, wife of Representative Sherley of Kentucky, also are officers.

Recently there was formed in Washington an association of men for the purpose of forwarding the cause of suffrage for women. In its membership are a good many members of congress of both houses, most of them being representatives or senators from suffrage states.

MISSOURI VETERANS WILL RECEIVE LESS

(By Associated Press.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 31.—Many confederate veterans will be disappointed tomorrow, for instead of receiving a \$30 check from the state of Missouri, as the pension promised quarterly, only \$18.83 will be received by each soldier, for there is a deficit of \$12,374.40 today. When the confederate pension act was passed by the legislature at the last session, only \$30,000 was appropriated.

This proved to be more than 50 per cent under the amount needed and the attorney general advised that it be pro-rated. The balance due will be carried over. Two thousand who were the gray for pensions under the act effective Oct. 1., seventy-nine, were rejected for various reasons and 108 are being investigated.

DAYTON INAUGURATES ITS NEW GOVERNMENT

Henry M. Waite is the Manager of the City of Dayton Under Its New Government Plan.

(By Associated Press.)

Dayton, O., Dec. 31.—Dayton will inaugurate its commission-manager form of government tomorrow. Plans were completed today to celebrate the event appropriately. The operation of the system will be closely watched by civic experts and municipal authorities of the entire country because Dayton is the first city of any size to adopt the commission-manager plan of government. Henry M. Waite, former city engineer of Cincinnati, is Dayton's "general manager."

Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, refused an offer of \$25,000 to accept the post. Waite will receive a salary of \$12,500 annually, or \$500 more annually than is paid to the governor of Illinois, the highest paid executive of any state in the union, and \$2,500 more than the governor of Ohio. There are but four other states besides Ohio which pay their chief executives \$10,000 a year.

Politics do not figure in the city manager form of government. City Manager Waite, an appointive officer, will in turn appoint every official excepting, of course, the five city managers who were selected by the people.

The commissioners are George W. Shroyer, A. L. Mendenhall, J. M. Switzer, John R. Plotron and John A. McGee. Shroyer is mayor by virtue of having received a greater number of votes than any commissioner elected. There is no city council. Mayor Shroyer will merely preside over the meetings of the board of commissioners. Each commissioner receives an annual salary of \$1,200. The mayor gets \$500 additional.

Functions of city government under the commission-manager plan are divided into the departments of law, public service, public welfare, public safety, and finance. City Manager Waite within the next few days will designate one of these departments for each of the five commissioners. Then he will appoint his city officials.

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A NAHMA WOMAN DIED AFTER SHORT ILLNESS
Mrs. Frank Geroux Expired Yesterday—Husband is Dangerously Ill Now
Mrs. Frank Geroux died yesterday afternoon at the family home in Nahma, after a short illness. She contracted a cold a week ago, which came to the fatal end.
Mrs. Geroux has lived in Nahma for a great many years, and is quite well known in this city. For the reason that Mr. Geroux is very sick at home, the arrangements for the funeral have not been made. Two small babes and a four months old child survive her.

STATISTIC GATHERING IS POPULAR AMONG EMPLOYERS
So popular is statistics gathering in the Interstate Commerce Commission that even the negro elevator men have adopted it. They figured that their two cars carry more than 2,000 passengers a day and that at two cents a mile, the gross operating revenue would be \$720 a day if each passenger rode as many miles as the conductors.
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