

## LITTLE LADS

Work at Hard Jobs for Small Pay in the Coal Mines.

Their Future Status One of the Gravest Questions Raised by the Great Strike.

Saratoga, Pa., Sept. 25.—One of the gravest questions to be settled by the strike in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, is that of the employment of child labor in these mines. Small boys are employed about the mines for various purposes. The chief task is to pick the slate out of the coal as it leaves the breakers. The boys who do this are known as "breaker boys."

Then there are drivers in the mines—that is, boys who drive the trains of mule cars from the assembling point in the interior of the mine to the hoisting apparatus that brings the coal to the surface.

Other boys who bring the individual cars from the remote ends of the mine, where the coal is taken, to the assembling point, are called runners.

When the mule car is filled the miner and his laborer and the running boy give it a running start, and as the track generally slopes to the center or assembling portion of the mine, the runner has nothing to do but ride on his car until it reaches a point where the mule trains are made up. Then he jumps off, and no matter how swiftly his car is moving he stops it with a stick about like a policeman's baton, sharpened which he sticks into the spokes of the wheel.

Another class of boys are called trappers. They attend the doors between the various sections of the mine, opening and closing them for the mule trains. Caution in this business is necessary, because the ventilation of the mine depends on keeping certain doors closed as much as possible.

BOYS DO THE WORK OF MEN. The wages of the little fellows range from 30 to 50 cents a day, depending on age, size, skill and strength, only those who are equal, or practically so, to a man's work receiving 50 cents.

The most interesting boys' work about the mines is that of the breaker boys. A breaker is a very high concern, looking like a cross between a grain elevator and a hooded cobra. The coal, as it comes from the mine, is hoisted to the top of this concern, where the breaking is done. When it is broken the coal depends to the freight cars beneath by way of various chutes, or open troughs, according to the size of the coal. Some of the highest breakers will handle a whole switch yard full of chutes coming out of them, part of which carry one size of coal and part of them other sizes. The boys work four or five to a chute. They sit astride the chute and pick out the slate as the stream of coal glides down. Sometimes there will be 100 boys employed at one breaker. Sometimes only half a dozen, all depending on the size of the breaker.

CHILDREN SOMETIMES CLUBBED. The boys are supervised by a man who is known as the picker boss. He is armed with a broom, the whisk end of which he uses to stop the flow in a chute that he may make sure that it is being well picked, and the handle end of which comes into play some times to lay the weight of authority on a boy. The boys work from 6 to 10 hours a day, but the principal grievance in their case is that little shavers only 8 and 9 years old are employed, and the administration of the law is so lax that the practice is not stopped. The law says 12 years for outside work and 14 for underground shall be the minimum. The result of this system is to fill the streets of the mining towns with sugar-faced little men, who do not look as if they ever heard of a baseball or a kite or a game of marbles. They look like miniature men, they act like it, and beyond doubt they feel like it.

They attend the strike meetings, discuss the speeches and the prospects, and take exactly as serious a view of the grave business in hand as any of their bearded and white-haired elders. It is for the rescue of these innocents that disinterested men like Father Phillips and his supporters have urged the strikers to stand firm till they get enough money to live on without sending the babies from the cradles to the mines.

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## THE OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

Dun's Weekly Review of the State of Trade.

IN CANADA.

New York, Sept. 25.—Dun's review of the state of trade says: Conditions in the Dominion of Canada show no important change during the past week. There is a good movement of drygoods, groceries and hardware at Montreal, but dullness in leather and shoes, while the export movement of these continues satisfactory.

Trade is quiet at Quebec, with payments promptly met. No change appears at Toronto and collections satisfactory. Unfavorable weather still retards crops at Winnipeg, and trade is depressed in consequence, while collections are slow.

Wholesalers report better business in mining sections at Vancouver, but local trade is dull and collections slow. Satisfactory conditions prevail in Victoria, but northern business is diminishing.

BANK CLEARINGS.

The bank clearings of the principal cities of the United States for the week ending Sept. 27 show total clearances \$1,452,544,465, a decrease of 21.2 per cent, as compared with the corresponding week of last year. Outside of New York the clearances were \$610,597,836, a decrease of 3.2 per cent. For the Dominion of Canada the clearances were as follows: Montreal, \$14,015,254, decrease, 7.4 per cent; Toronto, \$9,744,797, decrease, 14.5 per cent; Winnipeg, \$1,822,932—decrease 14.5 per cent; Halifax, \$1,509,738—decrease 9.5 per cent; Hamilton, \$860,833—decrease, 6.1 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$761,214—decrease 2.5 per cent; Vancouver, \$1,046,674—decrease, 4.3 per cent; Victoria, \$854,095—decrease 20.2 per cent.

ON THE OTHER SIDE.

Incomplete returns of failures for the third quarter of 1909, with estimates covering the last day, indicate a total of 2,490 in number and \$27,641,130 in amount. This is a slight increase in number over the second quarter, but a decrease of 400 from the first three months this year. Liabilities are smaller than in the preceding quarters of this year, but \$10,000,000 larger than in 1908. This week the paralysis of the anthracite industry caused by the strike has more complete than last, and the effect was seen upon the distribution of the merchandise in the east and the placing of new orders with manufacturers.

Weather conditions have been favorable for late crops and farm work is progressing rapidly, except for some damage to grain in shock in the Northwest.

Iron and steel products generally unchanged. Wheat again rose to 83c, but failed to maintain the advance. Corn for prompt delivery was scarce, and advanced 10c above the price at this date last year, or over 25 per cent. Another increase of 5.90 cents in shipments of boots and shoes from Boston makes the outlook more encouraging for this industry. Leather is showing improvement, but the situation as to hides is rather depressing, because of heavy current receipts of cattle and the probability of still larger arrivals.

Sales of wool fall to about one-quarter of last year's, and one hundred grades quoted in the Philadelphia market show a decline of about half a cent. Railroad earnings keep up to last year's record better than expected. Failures for the week were 204 in the United States, against 157 last year, and 18 in Canada, against 21 last year.

## SLOW STARVATION.

The Condition of Those Afflicted With Indigestion.

Flatulency, Sick Headache, Offensive Breath and Eructations, Irritability and a Feeling of Weight on the Stomach Are Among the Symptoms.

Dyspepsia, or indigestion, as it is frequently called, is one of the most serious ailments that afflict mankind. When the stomach loses its craving for food, and the power to digest it, the person so afflicted is in a condition of wretchedness. The symptoms of the disorder are manifold, and among them may be noted a feeling of weight in the region of the stomach, sick headache, offensive breath, heartburn, a disagreeable taste in the mouth, irritability of temper, disturbed sleep, etc. The condition is in fact one of slow starvation of the blood, nerves and body, and on the first symptoms treatment through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be sought. Mr. William Birt, a well-known blacksmith at Pisiquid, P. E. I., is one who suffered for years, and relates his experience for the benefit of similar sufferers. Mr. Birt says: "For many years I was a victim of indigestion, accompanied by nervousness, palpitation of the heart and other distressing symptoms. My appetite was irregular, and what I ate felt like a weight in my stomach; this was accompanied by a feeling of stupor, sleepiness, and yet I rarely enjoyed a night's sound sleep. When I would retire a creeping sensation would come over me, with pains and fluttering around the heart, and when I arose in the morning I would feel as tired and fatigued as I did before I went to bed. It is needless to say that I was continually taking medicine, I think almost everything recommended for the trouble. Occasionally I got temporary relief, but the trouble always came back, usually in a still more aggravated form. All this, of course, cost a great deal of money, and as the expenditure seemed useless I was very much discouraged. One day one of my neighbors who had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with much benefit, advised me to try them. I decided to do so, thinking, nevertheless, that it would be but another hopeless experiment. To my great gratification, however, I had only been using the pills for a few weeks when I felt decidedly better, and things began to look brighter. I continued taking the pills for several months, with the result that my health was as good as my digestion better than it has ever been. One of the most flattering results of the treatment was my increase in weight from 125 pounds to 135 pounds. It is more than a year now since I discontinued the use of the pills, and in that time I have not had the slightest return of the trouble. We always keep the pills in the house now, and my family have used them for other ailments with the same gratifying results."

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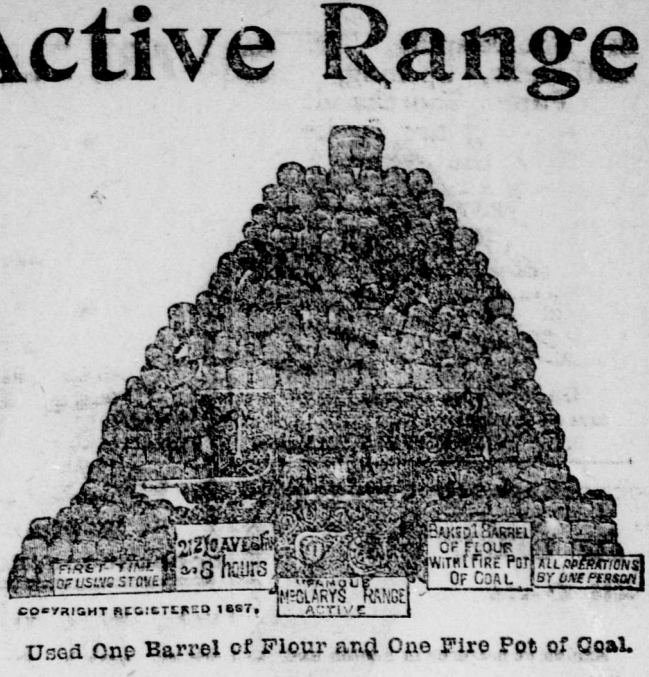
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## ATTACK ON TEDDY

Roosevelt Was Clubbed by a Colorado Rough-Rider Protected Him.

Cripple Creek, Col., Sept. 23.—Gov. Roosevelt was attacked Wednesday by a mob of roughs just as he left Armory Hall, where he had declared that the pockets of the Tammany leaders had been stuffed with stock in the ice trust.

Gov. Roosevelt and his party were on foot when a crowd of boys and men began throwing stones and shouting for Bryan. The Rough Riders, mounted and unmounted, closed in around the governor to protect him. One man made a personal attack upon Gov. Roosevelt, and succeeded in striking him a blow in the breast with a stick. The assailant was immediately knocked down by Daniel M. Sullivan, postmaster of Cripple Creek.

A rush was then made by the mob to drag the mounted men in khaki uniforms from their horses. The men on foot, also in khaki, closed around the governor, and a wedge which pushed through the crowd, and they finally succeeded in gaining the train, which was surrounded by the mob.

By this time there was probably 1,000 or 1,500 excited people in the vicinity, and fistfights were exchanged on all sides. Many of the mob were armed with sticks and clubs, some with rotten potatoes, stale eggs and lemons. The entire party received the full force of the mob, without serious injury, and it pulled out of the place with the Rough Riders on the rear platform.

Gov. Roosevelt, while regretting the occurrence, was not disturbed by the incident, and was ready to proceed with his speeches in Cripple Creek.

From Near-By Places.

The Komoka Methodist Church held their anniversary services on Sunday and Monday at 7 and 8 p.m. Rev. George Jackson, of London, preaches at both services on Sunday. On Monday evening an "old-time hot supper" will be served, followed by an excellent programme. Addresses will be given by good speakers. Miss Beatrice Burton, the clever elocutionist, has been engaged and first-class music will be provided.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.]

Strathroy, Sept. 25.—Mr. Henry Conn, B.A., of Walkerton, has accepted a position on the staff of the Collegiate Institute at a salary of \$900 a year.

Last week Wm. Benjamin was arrested by Constable Wilson on a charge of having stolen \$60 from the Calcutt, his grandmother. Police Magistrate Noble granted a warrant to search the dwelling of Mrs. Joseph Whelan, where Benjamin boarded.

Where \$20 of the money was found. Benjamin then confessed to having stolen the money. He was brought before the police magistrate on Thursday and elected summary trial. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twelve months in the Central Prison.

The marriage of Miss Ethel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lacombe, to Mr. George Barth, of Windsor, was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents, 1000 Main street, Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. W. F. Cluff, rector of St. John's Church. Miss Ada Barth, of Chatham, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. W. T. Lacombe, brother of the bride, supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Barth left on the evening train for Windsor.

Rev. Bishop McDevay officiates in All Saints' Catholic Church here next at 4 p.m. Father Gnam, of Wyoming, and Rev. J. Aylward, rector St. Peter's Cathedral, London, are also expected to be present.

Mr. Fred K. Lenfestey, of Detroit, is holding suit with his mother here.

Mr. D. Evans, a treasurer of the West Middlesex Fair, will commence paying out prize money on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Mrs. (Dr.) Bucke, of the asylum, and Mr. P. E. Bucke, of London, are spending a few days with Mr. H. Pope, Oxford street.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday morning at St. John's Church, when Mr. W. J. Galloway, of Macon, Ga., was united in marriage to Miss Marion Cook, of this town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. T. Cluff.

Mr. Jas. Alexander, of Geddes Bros.' staff, left this week for Detroit, where he will take a dental course.

GLENDALE.

Glendale, Sept. 23.—The lawn social of Friday evening proved to be a success in every way. The ladies who had the affair in hand had very grateful to those who so kindly assisted in the programme. They were Miss Birch, of Lambeth, Messrs. McLaren, of London township, and Mr. Gray, of the firm of Gray & Parker, London.

Last Sunday evening the Epworth League had the pleasure of having with them Mr. Axford, president of the North Street League, and Miss Clara Hunt, of the same place. The latter took the topic for the meeting, while Mr. Axford was leader.

The correspondent of last week made a mistake regarding the certificate obtained by Miss D. Egan, of this place at the recent examination. It was a first-class rather than a second-class certificate, as stated, which Miss Egan secured.

The late Mr. Wm. Brown, of Caradoc, who died last week from an attack of paralysis, was the father of

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The Misses McAlpine, of Frome, who have been the guests of their brother for a few days, have returned home.

The Ladies' Aid meets on Wednesday next, at Mrs. Ezekiel Dale's home.

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## IN THE PHILIPPINES

A Party of 51 U. S. Soldiers Probably Gobbled by the Enemy.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Gen. MacArthur cables the war department from Manila that on Sept. 11 Capt. Devereaux Shields, with 11 men of Company F, 25th Volunteer Infantry, left Santa Cruz for Torrijos. Nothing has been heard from him since, and it is supposed that the entire party, including Capt. Shields, has been captured, with many killed and wounded.

Five companies, composed of Massachusetts men, which on a recent day died certificates of organization in Maine, had paid in \$3 of the aggregate capital of \$720,000.

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Fools learn nothing from wise men, but wise men learn much from fools.

—Layard.