

HAUNTED MINE IN MISSOURI

Mill Has Never Turned a
Wheel Since Woman
Owner Was Killed

A GHOSTLY RIDER

Cartersville, Mo., Dec. 20.—Miners in this vicinity, in fact, the entire Missouri mining district, are again discussing a weird and thrilling story with significant glances and nudgings, and with good reasons, as will be set forth in the following details of several alleged strange and unexplainable occurrences.

Six years ago on the Wade land in this mining district, a shaft was sunk and a concentrating plant or "mill" erected. The shaft disclosed a wonderfully rich body of iron ore, so it was named the "Good" mine.

For a time all went well, tons upon tons of ore were removed, and the owners were fast becoming rich. One day a slab of rock fell, badly injuring three men, but they finally recovered. Two weeks later another man was injured, but not fatally. By now the mine was getting a bad name—they said it was dangerous, and that term is fraught with ill-omen in the mining district.

Crew after crew of miners were hired only to quit within a few days. Ore price went down, and on account of this and because of the scarcity of labor, the mine was shut down. But at the beginning of the war, when ore prices began to climb a new company took hold of it and started operations.

Woman Assumes Management
The manager and principal owner of this company was a woman, Mrs. Brigh Barrett. She was an old hand at the mining game, so she frequently had herself lowered into the underground workings and "bossed" the men herself. The mine was being operated day and night, and just two weeks after Mrs. Barrett took charge five men were buried under

a cave-in of loose rock and dirt. They were all rescued, but all were more or less injured.

Every man quit his job, and it was a month before another crew could be hired. These were Colorado miners, who knew nothing of the mine's dangerous record. However, when 11 o'clock p.m. arrived (time the night shift went to work), Mrs. Barrett received a telephone call to the effect that the men had just heard of the mine's bad name and none of the crew of 35 would enter the ground.

Mrs. Barrett at once hurried to the mine in her car. She did and said everything she knew of to induce the miners to go to work, but in vain, until she asked them if they would follow her if she entered the ground first and stayed with them during the shift. Of course the men could not well refuse this so they suitably assented.

Mrs. Barrett signalled the hoistman and was at once lowered to the bottom of the shaft 200 feet below. For half an hour the hoistman awaited her signal to pull up the "empty" that he might let the miners down, but no signal came. Becoming suspicious he hoisted the tub to the surface anyway.

A green came from the mouth of every man as the tub was lifted to the top of the shaft. It was not empty. The crushed lifeless form of Mrs. Barrett was there. She had not lived to step from the tub at the bottom, for a huge boulder had fallen from the rough sides of the shaft and crushed the life from her.

From that night to this the mine has never been entered and the mill has never turned a wheel. It probably never will, for not even the bravest man has any desire to enter the mill, especially at night.

It is claimed by many reputable citizens that at 11:30 o'clock each and every night a mining tub is hoisted slowly and noiselessly from the depths of the shaft of the "Good" mine and up into the dark derelict above. And in that tub they swear that they can see the form of a woman.

Steam is never raised in the boilers, and the tub and cable weigh more than 500 pounds, yet every night at 11:30 o'clock, many declare it slowly glides from the dark depths holding the bruised form of a woman, dressed as Mrs. Barrett is said to have been dressed the night she was killed.

Five Watchers See Body
Groups of men have searched the mill and derelict several times by daylight, and have discovered absolutely nothing. One night however, five well known men placed a lighted torch at the mouth of the shaft, retired to a safe distance and watched. Each of those five men declares that at exactly 11 o'clock the tub was seen to drop toward the bottom of the shaft and about 30 minutes later it slowly ascended and as it passed the top of the shaft and the torch, the crushed and bruised form of a woman was distinctly seen.

Some time ago a new company took hold of the mine, and on account of scarcity of labor offered extra high wages. They advertised for drillmen, foremen, shovelers, tub-

hookers and powder men, and the lowest wages offered was \$10 per shift of eight hours.

Did hundreds of men apply for jobs? No—not exactly. Only one man—just arrived from Florida—appeared ready to go to work. Thirty minutes later after he had heard the history of the mine, he remarked that \$10 looked like 30 cents to him, and quickly disappeared.

They cannot secure men at any price, for either day or night. In the meantime the ghastly tub and its rider continue to "ride" the shaft, and the natives all give the place a wide berth.

Sporting Comment

Fighting ability is not confined to amateur or professional pugilists. Several prominent baseball managers of the past were proficient with their fists, and some of the present-day team pilots do not hesitate to settle disputes with players or others by means of the weapons provided by nature. It is questionable if any of the pugilistic managers could in a bout with gloves vanquish expert boxers in a ring contest, but in impromptu battles, go-as-you-please rules, there were several baseball leaders who could give the best of the Queensbury stars all they desired.

There are at least two of the present crop of managers who can hold their own with any of the boxers in a rough-and-tumble scrap, without the aid of a referee or seconds.

The managers who have ruled their players by peaceful methods greatly outnumber the combative element, and in order to classify them they are grouped under the heads of belligerent and conciliatory.

Belligerent—Frank Chance, Pat Tebeau, Joe McGinnity, George Stallings, Ed. Barrow, A. C. Anson and J. McGraw (by proxy).
Conciliatory—Harry Wright, Frank Selee, Connie Mack, Hugh Jennings, Ed. Hanlon, Wilbert Robinson, Miller Huggins, Charley Conkley, Fred Clarke and Pat Moran.

The conciliatory cluster of managers usually attempted to control their players by moral suasion and appeal to reason, although some of them indulged in severe verbal castigation and the imposition of fines.

The pugilistic element disdained to inflict financial punishment on derelict players, but visited the offenders with physical lambasting.

Wanted to Lick Corbett.
By common consent Frank Chance, in the heyday of his career as manager of the pennant-winning Cubs, is conceded to have been the most pugilistic of all the baseball managers of the past, while Edward Barrow, whose Red Sox won the American League pennant the first season that he handled them, is said to be the peer of modern managers in the matter of forceful disciplining of his players.

Conspicuous in Chance's record is an attempt to fight the former heavyweight champion of America on short notice and without reference to ring regulations. On the other hand Barrow is known to have vanquished one of the biggest and most quarrelsome of the heavyweight bores of a few years ago.

When Chance tried to arrange a bout, minus purse or paying spectators, with James J. Corbett, ex-heavyweight champion, the Chicago manager was very much irritated over the outcome of the bout between Kid McCoy and Corbett at Madison Square Garden on August 30, 1900. The Cubs were playing here at the time and Chance, Clark, Griffith, Jimmy Callahan and several other players went to the Garden to see the conflict. They paid \$25 for box seats and were not enthusiastic over the combat in the ring.

As a matter of fact Chance denounced the battle as a fake and declared he was going over to Corbett's place and give him a beating.

AMBASSADOR RECEIVED.

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 19.—After presenting his credentials to King George today, John W. Davis, the new American ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Davis had luncheon with King George and Queen Mary and other members of the royal household at Buckingham Palace.

DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat and take Salts for Backache or Bladder trouble.
Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy, the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

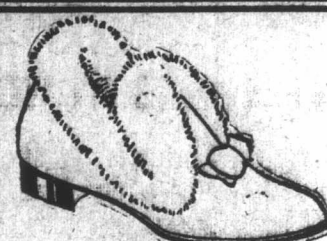
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the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.
Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

CHEERY DECORATIONS FOR THE HAPPY HOME
Edward Ola, undertaker of Virginia, Minn., has his own death and burial certificates framed and hanging on the parlor wall at home. He had skipped a coffin and-essed to himself at Moose Lake, to get the body of a man who had lost his life in the great fire here. When he reached Moose Lake to take charge of the body he found himself just in time to attend the funeral. The address and name on the coffin had been taken for those of the deceased.

INQUIRE RE DESTRUCTION.
By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 19.—A resolution asking the State Department to inform the Senate whether the American peace commissioners are advocating destruction of German warships or other enemy property and if so, by what authority, was introduced today by Minority Leader Lodge, and, without discussion referred to the foreign relations committee.

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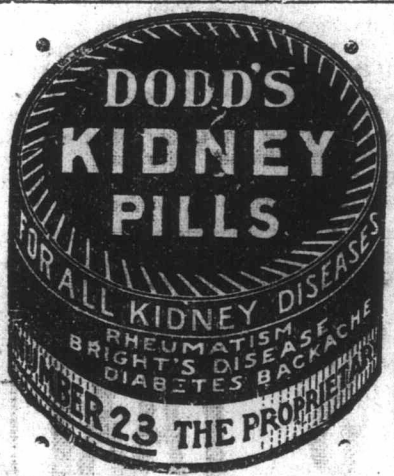
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