

### PUBLIC RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOR TROUBLES

Reverend Stephen A. Lloyd, Former Coal Miner, Says Public Has Condoned Misdeeds of Labor Factions

### MINERS TRIED TO BE FAIR

Holds Tactics Adopted By Workers Were Taught Them By Mine Operators Years Ago

Of America's great industries none probably has a more vital effect upon the public than the Coal Mining Industry. The recent nationwide strike of the "soft coal" miners, this week brought to an end by Federal Court Injunction, but which has been by no means settled, today demands the attention and serious consideration of every American.

Reverend Stephen A. Lloyd, pastor of the Wilmette Congregational church was for eight years a miner in the coal fields of Pennsylvania and speaks out of an intimate knowledge of the conditions there.

In a sermon preached at the Congregational church Sunday, November 9, on the subject: "The Present Mine Trouble as the Fruit of past Misdeeds," he outlined clearly the present and past coal mine situations. The following extracts from that sermon will be of interest to all readers of the Lake Shore News.

Text: "With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:2.

"American citizens," said Theodore Roosevelt, in his usual strenuous way, "must understand that they cannot advocate nor acquiesce in an evil course of action and then escape the responsibility for its results." And today emptying coal yard, side-tracked coal cars, and silent coal mines, are proving the truth and wisdom of that statement.

The crime of idleness in the face of the world need, cannot be laid at the door of capital or of labor, tagged "full responsibility." The shivering public, declaiming alike against greedy grabbers of national wealth and laziness linked and unionized, will do well to go into its own house and shut both its door and its memorial mouth and give a little serious thought as to who is really responsible for the maladroit situation.

**Employ Operators' Tricks**  
Every trick to gain advantage, every method for the increasing of their power, every disregard for rights, public and private, which are now being used by the labor unions, were taught them in the school of the operators while the public looked on and clapping its hands said, "clever, clever."

In 1899, before the mine workers had attained much power, the average income of the coal miner was less than thirty dollars a month. He was a self-respecting individual and his wants were always a little beyond his income, so he was always poor. His family of five lived in a four room cottage (more properly called a "shanty") near the mines in which he was employed. He paid four dollars rent, six dollars for shoes and clothing, a dollar and fifty cents for household goods (installment plan) one dollar and fifty cents for doctor and medicine, about the same amount for fuel and a like amount for insurance, church and union dues. A total of sixteen dollars per month. This left from ten to fourteen dollars for food for a family of five. He wanted to sell his labor at a price that would permit him to live better but the man who employed him had no moral regard for the low standard of living and the public, nice, gentle, carefree folk, shrugged its shoulders and said, in the language of culture, "I should worry."

**Tried To Be Fair**  
The miners, in those days, tried to be fair. When, for instance, in March, 1902, a decision had been reached to strike for better wage the miners waited one whole month to discuss the matter with the operators and offered to leave their demands to a board of arbitration, and the operators would have none of it. Did the public then say to the operators, "either you will arbitrate this matter and settle it in justice or you will do no more business under the laws of this state"? They did not!

After the strike in 1894 was over, did the public say, "Now that we are able to think calmly, now that the mines are again in operation, let us take measures looking to the stability of this industry for the future"? No, they drew a long breath and said, "Well, thank goodness that's over." And in that very day the operator said, "We have given, under pressure, a ten per cent increase in wage and we will add thirty per cent to the selling price." And in three weeks coal in New York City jumped in price from five dollars and thirty-five cents to seven dollars and fifty cents per ton. The public gasped, and said, "You can't beat those fellows." Then the operators increased the size of the mine cars so that the miner had to produce more coal for

### Village Affairs

#### NEW FIRE ENGINE IN SERVICE

The new American La France fire engine has been received and installed for active service in the Fire department. Before acceptance, the pumping engine was subjected to a rigid underwriters' test with very satisfactory results. The pump is rated at 750 gallons per minute, to be delivered in 120 pound pressure. During the test as high as 968 gallons per minute were delivered. The apparatus is equipped to supply three full hose streams, and will be adequate to take care of any emergency which may arise. A public demonstration of the new engine is being arranged for the near future.

The personnel of the Fire department has been increased by engaging two additional full time men as truck drivers, Mr. Earl H. Flaherty and Mr. John Schultz have been transferred from the Police department for this work. Winnetka now has a full time Fire department of three members, which together with the volunteer organization, will give the Village the very best of fire protection.

The cost of the new fire engine was \$11,500, and the Council was able to make arrangements for payment of this amount in annual installments over a period of seven years, with interest at five per cent. This enabled the Village to purchase the apparatus immediately, rather than to wait until sufficient fund could be raised by taxation or bond issue. The contract also includes an option for payment in full on July 1, 1920, in case the necessary funds are available at that time. The Village was fortunate in being able to get immediate delivery on the apparatus from the American La France Fire Engine company, whereas other machines could not be assured in less than three or four months.

#### SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Over 2000 feet of defective sidewalk were repaired by property owners during October at the request of the Department of Public Works. Because of the lateness of the season many repairs have been deferred until spring under agreement of the property owners to proceed with the work as soon as weather conditions will permit.

#### CROSSING PROTECTION

The Village Council is actively pressing the matter of gates at all grade crossings in the Village, and North Shore and Milwaukee Electric can now state that the Chicago, railway has ordered gates for the Cherry and Oak street crossings and is arranging with the Chicago and Northwestern line for jointly operated gates at Eldorado street. It is hoped to be able to announce definite progress on gates for Gage street in the very near future.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Village Council will be held on Tuesday evening, November 18, at 8 o'clock. The Board of Local Improvements also will meet on that date.



By Ruth Risley

Mrs. William Brooks Moulton of 1376 Asbury avenue, is inviting the women of her district, zone 9, to her home on Wednesday of next week, to sew for the Holiday Fete, and enjoy afternoon tea together.

A number of the residents in the southwestern end of the Village, met with Mrs. Earle Barber, last week to sew for the Holiday Fete, and enjoy afternoon tea together.

The Woman's Guild and Auxiliary of Christ church are sending a Thanksgiving box to the boys at Lawrence Hall, Chicago. Mrs. Earle Barber will be glad to receive donations of money for this purpose, or of apples, preserves and jelly. It is requested that contributions be given his wage than he had done before the strike and the public only laughed and said, "Doesn't that beat all!"

**Public Accepts Situation**  
We did the same, after the eight-hour days strike in 1897, and again in 1902, and again in 1907, and in all the times down to the present and we are about to do it again so blind are we to the great truth that if we have no regard for justice and right how shall we be dealt with justly and righteously.

In the old days the miner was weak and he knew it, but the union was young and deep-chested. It's very struggle gave it muscle and the conflict of wits added sharpness and clearness all wrapped up in a vindictive spirit, ready to be used in that day when power should shift from operators to itself. Now the day is at hand and the public will pay the price of its negligence. Is there any ground for hope that having learned the lesson of mutual responsibility we will mend the break and make it secure for all times.

in the box be brought to the Parish House, Monday, November 24.

In reality the time will be December 5 and the place the Chicago Coliseum, but to the eye it will be August at Atlantic City. The great Coliseum will be a strange place indeed that week, with society debutantes clad in bathing suits lolling under huge beach umbrellas upon the heaps of sand which will fill one side of the vast building, with society matrons selling salt water taffy, balloons, pop-corn, "hot-dogs" along a specially built duplicate of the famous Atlantic City boardwalk, which will stretch from end to end of the Coliseum.

As colorful and teeming as the markets of Bagdad, the whole unique affair will be managed and "manned" by Chicago's most exclusive society folk. Fashionable men will don burnt cork and in imitation of the negro propellers of rolling chairs at the greatest of America's seaside resorts will push the public up and down the board-walk in wheel chairs exactly like those in use at the shore.

No detail of the original scene will be omitted from the Coliseum reproduction. Fashionable lingerie and toggery shops will be operated by women of the highest social position, "debs" and "sub-debs" will manure, hair-dress, beautify all feminine patrons at their specially built shops beside the Board-walk, others will sell tobacco, candy soda water, moving picture tickets, post cards, all the thousand and one things that make the seaside resort so colorful a bazaar.

The remarkable event will be for the benefit of the Passavant Memorial Hospital Building fund and all the proceeds will be devoted to this charitable purpose.

A wedding, attractive for its simplicity, and that of Miss Irene Kolterman, was Mr. John Gallagher of Highland Park, which was solemnized on Wednesday morning at Sacred Heart church in Hubbard Woods. Father F. J. Haarth read the service at ten o'clock. The bride wore a lovely gown of white bridal satin and georgette, and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. Her veil of tulle fell from a tiny cap held in place by a spray of orange blossoms. Miss Grace Kolemman, a sister of the bride, who was her only attendant, wore an attractive costume of blue georgette, and a large picture hat of black velvet. She carried an arm bouquet of pink roses.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, in Hubbard Woods, in the evening, after which Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher left on an extended honeymoon trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The East Willow Street Circle met with Mrs. Harry I. Orwig on Tuesday afternoon. Work for the Infant Welfare was in charge of Mrs. Pitkin. Volunteers were requested by the chairman, Mrs. James Morley, to assist in the Chicago Business Woman's Council rooms at 223 South Wabash avenue, Chicago, on Monday, November 17, in serving the noon luncheon to business girls in the loop. Those who responded were Mrs. Orwig, and her daughter, Miss Emily Orwig, Mrs. Hoagland, Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Norton. Master Elbridge Anderson rendered a vocal solo and

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Mon. and Tues., Nov. 17 and 18  
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Matinee, Tuesday, 3:30  
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in "Manhattan Madness"  
and  
**Charlie Chaplin**  
in "THE FIREMAN"  
EXTRA ..... PATHE NEWS  
Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 19 and 20  
Evenings 7:30 and 9:00  
**Blanche Sweet**  
in "A Woman of Pleasure"  
EXTRA ..... LLOYD COMEDY  
EXTRA ..... TRAVEL  
Fri. and Sat., Nov. 21 and 22  
Evenings 7:00, 8:20 and 9:30  
Matinee, Saturday 3:30  
**Doris Kenyon**  
in "The Bandbox"  
EXTRA ..... PATHE NEWS  
**COMING ATTRACTIONS**  
Viola Dana in "Please Get Married"  
Mabel Normand in "The Jinx"  
E. K. Lincoln in "Hot Dogs"

the members joined in several patriotic airs. The Circle is invited to meet with Mrs. Marc Newman in December.

Mrs. Frederick Copeland gave a household shower on Wednesday afternoon at her home, 665 Prospect avenue in honor of Mrs. Charles Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Haines left

the Onwentsia club last Friday for Santa Barbara, Cal., where they will spend the winter. Mr. Haines has been ill for some months, and goes west for rest and recuperation.

The United Charities of Chicago have issued an appeal for old clothing. Articles may be left at the home of Mrs. James Houghteling, 731 Prospect avenue.

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