

ARBITRATORS START WORK

Strike Commission to Investigate Mines and Homes of Men.

BAER OBJECTS TO MITCHELL

Reading's President Took Exceptions to Labor Leader Representing Mine Workers' Union—Operators Offer to Furnish Full Data—Commission Will Not Accept Special Train Offered Them By Presidents of Coal Roads.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The anthracite coal strike commission yesterday, in the hearing room of the interstate commerce commission, held its first conference with the parties to the controversy in the anthracite regions. The commission occupied the elevated seats, Judge Gray, as president, occupying the center seat, and Messrs. Wright, Watkins and Clark the seats to the right of him in the order named, while General Wilson, Bishop Spalding and Mr. Parker sat on the left in the order of their names. The proceedings covered about two hours' time and were given up entirely to a discussion of the time and method of proceeding with the proposed investigation.

Mr. Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and District President Fahy appeared for the miners, and the coal carrying roads were represented as follows: President Baer, of the Reading; E. B. Thomas, of the Pennsylvania Coal Company; Alfred Walter, of the Lehigh Valley; W. H. Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; David Wilcox, of the Delaware and Hudson; John B. Herr, of the Scranton Coal Company; J. H. Torrey, attorney for the Delaware and Hudson, and Francis I. Cowan, attorney for the Lehigh Valley Company.

To Begin Its Work at Scranton.

The commission decided to begin its work Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, the first days of the investigation to be devoted to an examination of the mines and the homes of the miners, starting in the vicinity of Scranton. The entire anthracite field will be covered. There was considerable discussion over a proposition made by the commission to have expert accountants appointed to audit statements of wages and classification of miners to be made by the operators for the use of the commission, but no result was reached on this point beyond the announcement by the chairman of the commission's intention to appoint such an accountant in case his services should be found necessary.

During the progress of the meeting, Mr. Mitchell, as the representative of the miners, presented a copy of the original declaration of the miners as formulated by the Shamokin convention, as the basis of the demands of the miners. This demand is for an increase of 20 per cent. in wages of those not engaged by the day, a reduction of 20 per cent. in working hours of those engaged by the day; the payment for coal mined by weight at a minimum rate of 60 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds; a wage agreement between the operators and the miners for an adjustment of wages.

Baer Objects to Mitchell.

Mr. Baer, on the part of the coal operators, took exception to Mr. Mitchell's appearance before the commission as a representative of the Mine Workers' Union, but said that he had no objection to his presence as a representative of the strikers as such in their individual capacity. The commission made no attempt to settle the controversy, but it was made apparent that the recognition of the Miners' Union will be an important and knotty problem for the arbitrators.

Preceding the discussion over opening the books to the experts, Mr. Baer said the operators would be prepared to meet the miners in the region and to assist in giving all information. Many of the individual operators are not represented, and they were not consulted and were not compromised by the letter he had written.

Judge Gray suggested that they could be represented. At the meeting next Monday they would determine which of the companies would be taken up first, and the place of meeting could be determined by the location of the coal company taken up.

Mr. Baer made a point of saying that if the case of each coal company would be dealt with separately he would contend for the sliding scale in the regulation of wages.

"I shall urge the adoption of that profit-sharing plan," he said, "which gave us peace formerly in our relation to our employers."

Mr. Thomas, of the Hillside Iron and Coal and the Pennsylvania Coal Company, said he noticed that the word "arbitration" had been applied to the commission's work, while he wanted it considered as an investigation.

Judge Gray said the president's instruction settled that as an arbitration.

The question of the examination by the commission into the conditions under which the mining of anthracite coal is conducted was then entered on, and Mr. Watkins, of the commission, suggested that a week or ten days' time would be necessary in order to make an adequate examination of the physical conditions about the mines. He appealed to Mr. Thomas for his

opinion as to the time necessary, and that gentleman replied: "You will certainly need that much time; I should think that 30 days would be none too little. We've grown gray in our study of that question."

Mr. Baer also fell in with the suggestion, saying that it would be impossible to do justice to the investigation without a complete physical inspection of the mines and the methods of operating them. Mr. Mitchell thought that not only should there be an inspection of the mines, but also of the homes of the miners. He considered this investigation necessary to a complete understanding of the subject.

Commission Will Accept No Favors.

While the subject was being considered, Mr. Baer said that the mine operators would furnish all facilities at their command to enable the commission to make its investigation thorough. He said they would place a special train at the disposal of the commission, providing also for the accommodation of a representative of the miners.

The public meeting of the commission then came to a close, and the commissioners retired for the purpose of private consultation. They first took up the question which had been raised by the proffer of a special train by Mr. Baer, and unanimously decided not to accept the train. The exchange of views which followed brought out the fact that the commissioners expect personally to pay all of their expenses, accepting no favors and relying on the government to reimburse them if so disposed.

Official stenographers to report the proceedings of the commission and also to act as secretaries were appointed. An agreement was reached to leave the Hotel Jermy in Scranton at 9 o'clock next Thursday morning for the first tour of inspection. There was, however, no agreement as to what mines should be visited first, that point being left for future determination.

MANY MINES WORKING

Latest Reports From Coal Regions Are Encouraging.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 28.—Of the 198 collieries operated by the five big companies having headquarters here, only 13 are still idle. The Erie has 33 places working and one idle; the Delaware & Hudson, 25 working and five idle; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 19 working and three idle; Ontario and Western, 11 working and three idle; Temple, seven working and one idle. Even the Butler colliery of the Erie Company, which was allowed to flood, is being worked in the levels not reached by the water. The individual operators are rapidly getting into line, and before many more days all of them except a very few will be in operation. About 80 per cent. of the old employees of the collieries in the Lackawanna region are back at work. By tomorrow, the companies expect to be getting out 70 per cent. of their normal output.

Large Output of Coal.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 28.—More coal was mined and more men were employed in mining it yesterday than any day since the mines in the anthracite districts that lag behind in the output are Lehigh and Mahanoy. The individual operators and their employes in those districts are still at loggerheads. In the Wyoming and Lackawanna regions all the collieries are in operation with the exception of a few which are still under water. The seven large companies all had large outputs, and heavy trains of coal were moved rapidly to seaboard points. The miners and laborers who left the region during the strike are returning in large numbers.

GIFTS FOR MITCHELL

Members of Miners' Union Present Him With Watch and Badge

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 27.—President Mitchell was in conference with District Presidents Nicholls, Duffy and Fahy for several hours yesterday. He outlined his case as he will present it to the board of arbitration in behalf of the miners, and the same received the approval of the district presidents. Yesterday afternoon President Mitchell was presented with a gold badge and gold watch by the Polish, Lithuanian and Slavish members of the United Mine Workers. The badge bears his monogram, "J. M.," in diamonds, just underneath the bar containing the pin by which it is fastened to the coat lapel. Below this is the button of the United Mine Workers of America, from which hangs a pendant, a tiny pick and shovel, with miners' lamp in the centre, underneath of which is a medallion. The seal of the organization in the centre is in the form of a breaker boy standing in the midst of a bank of coal.

Paul Pulaski, vice president of district No. 9, officiated as chairman and master of ceremonies. The presentation took place at President Mitchell's headquarters, and there was a large crowd in attendance.

In making the presentation, the chairman of the committee addressed Mr. Mitchell as follows:

"Receive, dear leader, a thousand-fold blessings of all the poor, hard-working and struggling people who shall teach their children that the embodiment of everything that is pure, just, right and sublime is our president, John Mitchell; these children for whose future you have opened the prospects of a better fate than their fathers have to face, those children for whom you have tried to procure education and delivery from misery and mental darkness."

CANAL TITLE PERFECT

Attorney General Submits Favorable Report Panama Route.

SYNOPSIS OF THE OPINION

Mr. Knox Decides That If United States Accepts Offer of Canal Company It Will Receive a Valid and Unincumbered Title to the Property.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Attorney General Knox has decided that if the United States should accept the offer of the new Panama Canal Company, submitted last spring, for the sale of the canal for \$40,000,000, it would receive through the parties in interest a valid and unincumbered title to the property. This decision was arrived at after a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the situation in Paris, first by Special Attorney Charles W. Russell and later by Attorney General Knox himself. The attorney general formally submitted the opinion to President Roosevelt on Saturday. It makes about 300 pages. The following is a synopsis of the opinion:

The attorney general's opinion to the president on the title which the new Panama Canal Company of France offers to the United States of all its rights and property on the isthmus of Panama opens with a history of the concessions made by Colombia in 1878, 1890, etc., the formation of the De Lesseps Panama Canal Company of France, the failure of this company in 1888, the transfer in 1894 of all its rights to the present Panama Canal Company of France by the liquidator appointed by the French court to wind up the affairs of the old company, and of the laws passed by France concerning the liquidation of the old company.

The opinion then takes up the principal objections which have been made in this country to the title proposed to be given to the United States. These objections, it says, resolve themselves into reasons in support of the following propositions:

1.—That the new Panama Canal Company has not power to sell the canal and railway property.

2.—That the liquidator of the old Panama Canal Company has not power to consent to such sale.

3.—That the French courts have not power to authorize the liquidator and the new company, or either of them, to enter into the sale.

4.—That, at all events, the United States would take the property as a trust fund subject to the total obligations to the stockholders, the bondholders and the other creditors of both companies.

The history and nature of French companies of the kind in question are explained at length. They are said to be altogether different from our corporations, but to be easily understood if looked upon as private partnerships, which is their essential character.

To the opinion are attached 250 pages of exhibits in support of its statements.

MARKSMAN'S FATAL SHOT

Feat of Shooting Apple From Man's Head Ends in Death.

Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., Oct. 27.—The coroner yesterday held an inquest on the body of John Volkman, aged 18 years, a barber, who was accidentally shot and killed Saturday night on the stage at the Thespian Hall by Charles Meinel, of a company which has been giving a two weeks' show in connection with the sale of medicine. One of the star features of the show was Meinel's feat of shooting an apple from the head of any person who would volunteer to stand up and allow the apple to have his head for a resting place. When no one volunteered a member of the troupe performed this service.

Volkman had offered to allow the apple to be placed on his head. Meinel for some reason was not shooting well, having missed a card target a short time before the barber came on the stage. When the apple was placed on Volkman's head, Meinel began shooting at a distance of about 20 feet. The first two shots failed to hit either the apple or the man, but the third struck Volkman in the forehead and he dropped to the stage and died within an hour. Meinel was arrested and held for a hearing on a charge of manslaughter.

MEXICAN VOLCANO ACTIVE

Sun Hidden By Showers of Ashes. People Are Terror-Stricken.

Mexico City, Oct. 28.—Showers of ashes have fallen in the extensive region from San Juan Bautista, capital of the state of Tabasco, and Comitán, in the state of Chiapas. It is believed that a hill near Palenque, where there is a great prehistoric city in ruins, has suddenly been transformed into an active volcano. The ashes falling at Palenque and Comitán have hidden the sun.

Indians arriving at San Cristobal Las Casas say that a hill in the Guadalupe Sierra is vomiting fire and smoke. People in many towns have been running about in terror and offering prayers publicly for the safety of themselves and children. Scientific opinion is that the eruption is part of the general awakening of volcanic forces in the West Indies and Central America.

Plead Guilty to Bigamy.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28.—Ephraim Skorman, charged with bigamy, on being confronted by the three women he had married, in the criminal court yesterday, plead guilty. One of these he married in Russia, one in Boston and one in Baltimore.

A Woman's Ailment.

Headache may be called a woman's ailment. Some men suffer from it. But almost all women have to endure its pain with each recurring month. This fact points at once to the intimate relation between the health of the delicate of the whole body. Every woman ought to know and understand that the standard of general physical health cannot be higher than the standard of the local health of the womanly organs. When there is irregularity, inflammation, ulceration, a debilitating drain or female weakness, the entire nervous system has to share in the suffering resulting from the local derangements. Cure the local disease and you cure the aches which are caused by it. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription banishes headache by banishing its cause. It cures the diseases which irritate the delicate womanly organs, fret the nerves and waste the strength. It increases the vitality and builds up the nervous system. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, opium or other narcotics.

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Could Get no Help. "I was taken sick two years ago and tried almost every thing but could get no help," writes Mrs. T. C. Blashfield, of Brimfield, Hampden Co., Mass. "Your Favorite Prescription" did me a great deal of good. I was suffering with falling of the womb and could scarcely walk, now I am so much better of that that I can walk quite a distance. It was your medicine that helped me. You have my best wishes."

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A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to section ten of article one of the Constitution, so that a discharge of a jury for failure to agree or other necessary cause shall not work an acquittal.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution: that is to say, that section ten of article one, which reads as follows:

"No person shall, for any indictable offense, be proceeded against criminally by information, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger, or by leave of the court for oppression or misdemeanor in office. No person shall, for the same offense, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall private property be taken or applied to public use, without authority of law and without just compensation being first made or secured," be amended so as to read as follows:

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A true copy of the Joint Resolution.

W. W. GRIEST,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

Amendment. Add at the end of section seven, article three the following words: "Unless before it shall be introduced in the General Assembly, such proposed special or local law shall have been first submitted to a popular vote at a general or special election in the locality or localities to be affected by its operation, under an order of the court of common pleas of the respective county after hearing and application granted, and shall have been approved by a majority of the voters at such election: Provided, That no such election shall be held until the decree of court authorizing the same shall have been advertised for at least thirty (30) days in the locality or localities affected, in such manner as the court may direct."

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COURT PROCLAMATION.—Whereas, the Honorable J. G. Love, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 13th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept, bearing date the 28th day of Oct., 1902, to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre and to commence on the

4TH MONDAY OF NOVEMBER,

being the 28th day of November, 1902,

and to continue one week, notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there, in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 28th with their records, inquisitions, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Bellefonte, the 28th day of Oct., in the year of our Lord, 1902, and the one hundred and twenty-fourth year of the independence of the United States.

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