

THE STRIKE COMMISSION

Reading Company Closes With Much Statistical Evidence.

WITNESSES IN REBUTTAL CALLED

Reading's Attorney Denies That Mr. Baer Charged Strikers With Twenty-one Murders—Final Sessions to be Held in Washington.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—The operators yesterday finished the presentation of evidence to the anthracite coal strike commission, and the afternoon session was devoted to testimony in rebuttal on the part of the miners. Much statistical evidence was offered by the Reading Company, showing in figures the conditions existing in the mine regions and comparing the prosperity of the mine workers and their children with that of persons engaged in other occupations in various cities. W. W. Ruley, head of a statistical bureau conducted by the coal carrying roads, was called to testify regarding the coal production, the amount of the commodity shipped, and the prices received. The data, he said, was furnished by the coal companies.

A. C. Wilson, of Pottsville, land agent for the Reading Company, presented statements showing the property valuations and the taxes paid by the company on its property. H. I. Newcomb, statistician for the interstate commerce commission, introduced tables showing the average annual earnings during 1901 of workmen employed in several manufacturing towns of the state. The statistics affected 478,780 wage-earners and the total of wages amounted to \$2,213,849, or an average of \$462 a man. The average in New York, witness said, was about \$5 higher, but in the New England states the difference is immaterial. The average daily earnings of anthracite miners, witness said, are about \$2.05, making the yearly average about \$620.

J. J. Michner, in charge of the Reading Company's telegraph office here, said that from investigation he learned that breaker boys worked shorter hours and received better pay than telegraph messengers and boys in department stores.

The presentation of these statistics ended the testimony for the operators. Mr. Wolverton, addressing the commission, cited John Mitchell's arraignment of President George F. Baer and John Markle for charging the United Mine Workers with responsibility for "21 murders committed in the mine regions." Mr. Wolverton contended that such a declaration had never been uttered by Mr. Baer, and he referred to the official record for corroboration. In reply Attorney Darrow retorted that he had no recollection of Mr. Baer making such an utterance to President Roosevelt at the conference preceding the naming of the strike commission, but he was confident Mr. Markle had used the expression, and the record would so quote him. Reference to the early proceedings substantiated this explanation, and the incident closed.

Counsel for the miners also took occasion to deny the published statement that the union had withdrawn its demand that the miners in the Schuylkill region be paid by weight. The demand for pay by weight, he said, did not affect the Schuylkill district where it is impracticable. The afternoon session was devoted entirely to rebuttal testimony. R. J. Beamish, a newspaper man, was called to refute the statements that a reign of terror existed in the coal regions during the strike. A dozen men who had been hired in this city to serve as coal and iron policemen during the strike said the disturbances were few and of a minor character. Daniel T. McKelvy, a justice of the peace of Hazleton, testified that the striking miners had offered to assist him in maintaining order.

It is expected that the sessions in this city of the commission will close a few days. The final sessions, according to the present plans, will be held in Washington. Whether or not any coal carrying railroad presidents will be called as witnesses is not definitely known. It is also believed that President Mitchell will not appear again before the commission, unless it is in Washington, when the closing arguments are made.

Danger From Coal Famine Passed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—Saturday night closed the busiest month in the history of the Reading Railway Company. In January the company brought down the main line nearly 1,100,000 tons of anthracite, and the officials claim that they have the best of the situation, and that there is now enough coal to prevent any one from suffering for the want of fuel. During the past week the company brought down over 10,500 cars of hard coal, equal to 275,000 tons, besides furnishing the industries and many furnaces with hard coal of the larger sizes.

Missing Since Westfield Wreck.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 2.—Harvey Martin, of Quarryville, aged 20, it is feared by his friends, lost his life in the wreck at Graceland, N. J., last week. His trunk was found in the baggage car of the Easton express, and as nothing has been heard of him since, it is believed he was one of the unidentified dead.

Major Glenn Acquitted.

Manila, Jan. 30.—Major Edwin F. Glenn, of the Fifth Infantry, who was tried by court martial on the charge of unlawfully killing prisoners of war, has been acquitted. Major Glenn has been ordered to return to duty. The verdict is popular.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, January 28.
Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, has requested a private audience with the Pope.
John C. Spooner was re-elected to the United States senate yesterday by the Wisconsin legislature.
John Gorin, of Columbia, Pa., a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was thrown from his train yesterday and killed.
Colonel A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia, last evening addressed the Pennsylvania house of representatives in support of a proposed monument to General R. B. Lee at Gettysburg.
Republicans of New Haven, Conn., last evening formed the "McKinley Association of Connecticut," to observe President McKinley's birthday.

Thursday, January 29.
The Maine legislature yesterday held exercises in memory of the late Thomas B. Reed.
The Italian cabinet has adopted a bill providing a wireless station for messages between Italy and South America.
The Kansas legislature yesterday elected Chester I. Long to succeed William A. Harris as United States senator.
The torpedo boat flotilla which took part in the naval manoeuvres in the West Indies arrived at Norfolk, Va., yesterday.

Friday, January 30.
An American chamber of commerce was organized at Berlin, Germany, last night, with 101 members.
Seven Chinamen, said to have been smuggled into this country, were arrested at Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday.
Chief Justice J. Brewster McColm, of the Pennsylvania supreme court, is seriously ill at his home at Montrose.
Levi Ankeny, millionaire banker, of Walla Walla, was elected to the United States senate yesterday to succeed George Turner, of Washington.
Mr. Bristol, of New York, introduced a bill in the house yesterday to increase the salary of the president of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Saturday, January 31.
Last evening Mrs. Roosevelt gave her usual Friday evening musicale at the White House.
Mrs. Betsay M. Lewis, aged 101 years, died yesterday at the Harrisburg Home for the Friendless.
The sultan of Turkey received United States Minister Leshman in private audience yesterday.
The Maryland Telephone and Telegraph company was sold yesterday to a syndicate for \$2,000,000.
The Alabama legislature passed a bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper in the state.
James Tulloch, a Chicago manufacturer, choked to death while eating supper yesterday. A piece of meat lodged in his windpipe.
Monday, February 2.
Mrs. Adam Reichert, during a family quarrel on Saturday, shot and killed her husband at Hazleton, Pa.
About 600 carpenters and joiners went on strike today at Wilkesbarre, Pa., for an increase of wages.
William J. Bryan will attend the barbecue of the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln League at Columbus, O., February 12.
Former President Cleveland was elected first vice president of the Princeton (N. J.) Fish and Game Protective Association.
The Chicago authorities began the sale of coal to the public at cost, and the demand became so great that orders had to be limited to half a ton each.

Tuesday, February 3.
The United States Supreme Court yesterday took a recess for three weeks.
The Monroe Club, of Boston, has endorsed Richard Olney as the Democratic candidate for president.
W. D. Freedland, a business man from Clinton, N. J., dropped dead yesterday at Riverside, Cal., from a paralytic stroke.
While returning from church Sunday evening Mary Williams, of Eckman, W. Va., was shot and killed by a discarded sweetheart.
Jordan Coy, a negro, was killed and an Italian injured in the falling of a scaffold in the Princeton (N. J.) University gymnasium yesterday.

GENERAL MARKETS
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 2.—Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.70@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.10@2.25; city mills, extra, \$2.95@3.10. Rye flour was quiet at \$3.15@3.20 per barrel. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 80c. Corn, firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 54c. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 42c; lower grades, 42c. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$20.50@21 for large bales. Beef was steady beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$20. Live poultry, 15c. for hens and 14@15c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13c. for choice fowls, and 10c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 25c. per pound. Eggs, steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 25c. per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 65@70c. per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.
East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Cattle were a shade lower; prime steers, \$5@5.25; butchers' steers, \$3.75@4.50; heifers, \$3.50@4.25; cows, \$2.50@4.25; bulls, \$3@4.25; stock heifers, \$2.50@3. Veals, strong and 25c. higher; tops, \$8.50@9; common to good, \$5.50@8.25. Hogs were active and higher; heavy, \$7.05@7.10; mixed, \$7@7.05; yorkers, \$7@7.05; pigs, \$7.15@7.30; roughs, \$6@6.25; stags, \$5@5.50. Sheep and lambs were steady; top lambs, \$6.30@6.40; culls to good, \$4.25@4.25; yearlings, \$5@5.25; ewes, \$4.25@4.40; sheep, top mixed, \$4.25@4.50; culls to good, \$2@4.15.
East Liberty, Pa., Feb. 2.—Cattle were lower; choice, \$5.10@5.25; prime, \$4.80@5; good, \$4.50@4.75. Hogs were slow; prime heavies, \$7@7.05; mediums, \$7@7.05; heavy yorkers, \$7; light yorkers, \$6.95@7; pigs, \$5.90@7; roughs, \$5.50@5.50. Sheep were steady; best wethers, \$4.65@4.80; culls and common, \$2@2.50; choice lambs, \$6@6.10; veal calves, \$7.50@8.

ULTIMATUM TO ALLIES

Demands For Preferential Treatment of Venezuelan Claims Refused.

PEACE WANTED, NOT ALLIANCES

In Accepting Demands Venezuela Would Aid in Maintaining Hostile Alliance Against Herself—May be Submitted to The Hague Tribunal.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the negotiations at Washington for a settlement of the claims against that country, has sent through the British ambassador here what amounts practically to an ultimatum to the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy regarding their insistence for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela. This note, which the British ambassador received shortly before 9 o'clock last night, was cabled at, once to London, copies of it being transmitted to the German and Italian embassies for transmission to Berlin and Rome.

It is in reply to the proposition submitted at a joint conference of the negotiators yesterday by the British ambassador that the allied powers be allowed two-thirds of 30 per cent. of the custom receipts of the ports of La Guaira and Porto Cabello, and that the United States and the other claimant nations, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Norway and Sweden content themselves with the remaining one-third of this percentage, that is 10 per cent. of the receipts of those two ports.

In the note received by the British ambassador from Mr. Bowen the latter refuses point blank the proposition for a 20 and 10 per cent. division on the ground that to recognize the principle it embodies would be absolutely offensive to modern civilization. In view of the fact that the negotiators are agreed on all save the question of preferential treatment, the ambassador is informed that Venezuela has decided to submit that question to The Hague arbitration tribunal. Acceptance of this proposition, Venezuela contends, carries with it a raising of the blockade, the general understanding being that the blockade would end when the negotiators at Washington had reached an agreement.

It is understood that in refusing this last proposition submitted by the British ambassador on behalf of the allies, Mr. Bowen takes the ground that he cannot accept in principle the contention that blockades and bombardments of forts, and the consequent killing of helpless men, women and children, entitles any powers or alliance of powers to preferential treatment at the hands of a civilized nation. It is claimed that, should the peace powers and the blockading powers agree to such a principle, they would incorporate in the law of nations a doctrine in conflict with the tenets of all modern day ethics.

Moreover, Venezuela, it is stated, regards the preferential demand of the powers as objectionable because it would enable the continuance of the triple alliance of Great Britain, Germany and Italy for a period of six years or more, and in accepting it Venezuela would be encouraging and abetting the maintenance of hostile alliances against herself. The British ambassador is informed in the note that Americans, north and south, want peace, and not alliances.

Stepped in Front of Engine.
Richmond, Va., Feb. 3.—A Christiansburg, Va., special says Fleming Young and Mrs. Lilly Stewart were killed by a Norfolk and Western "pusher" engine, near Montgomery station, Sunday afternoon. They were walking on the westbound track, and in order to avoid a freight which was approaching stepped on the eastbound track, directly in front of the engine, and were run over by it before the engineer could stop.

Aged Minister Burned to Death.
Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 2.—The Rev. Robert Street, a retired minister, aged 97 years, was burned to death yesterday at his residence in Roselle Park by the explosion of an oil lamp. In an attempt to save him his daughter was terribly burned about the neck, face and shoulders. Mr. Street was born in Germantown, Pa., and was a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary.

\$25,000 Purse for Big Fight.
New York, Feb. 3.—J. H. Herman, principal of the International Club of Fort Erie, Ont., yesterday posted \$5000 as forfeit money for a fight between James J. Corbett and Jim Jeffries for the heavyweight championship of the world. The club guarantees a purse of \$25,000, and June 20 is the date suggested by Mr. Herman for the match.

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MON'S PHASES.

First Quarter	5	8:13	Third Quarter	19	1:23
Full Moon	11	7:58	New Moon	27	8:13

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Economy the Watchword

These times the prudent housewife must face many trying propositions. A certain amount can be used for living expenses, and no more; to exceed the limit means financial distress. There have been increases in expenses that are severe.

Coal has advanced.
Steam Heat has advanced.
Electric Light has advanced.
Prices generally have advanced.

So that people in the country as well as in the towns feel the burden.

Under such circumstances "Economy is the Watchword." For that reason the question of Providing for the Table is most important. We must eat to sustain life, and the problem is to secure the most

WHOLESAME NOURISHING SUBSTANTIAL UNADULTERATED

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