

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT EVENTS
Classified, Explained, No Sensationalism or Partisanship

COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

Labor.

Mitchell Urges Moderation.

The fifteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America has been in session at Indianapolis, with 1,000 delegates present.



John Mitchell.

In his annual report President Mitchell urged moderation in speech and conservatism in action, in view of the readiness of the opponents of unionism to make capital of their indiscretions.

He reported a gain of 396 unions, making a total of 2,322 unions in twenty-three districts. He favored highly the anti-injunction and eight hour bills now in congress.

Secretary Wilson reported the receipt of \$57,646 in strike assessments and donations to the defense fund and \$258,351 from the 10 per cent assessment.

The receipts for strike purposes exceeded the expenditure by 7,218 and \$308,780 had been paid to assist unions needing help.

The convention voted in favor of the direct election of United States senators.

State "Bull Pen" Upheld. The United States district court at Denver has declined to interfere in the Sherman Parker habeas corpus case against the military authorities of Colorado because it was without jurisdiction.

Parker, a union miner of Cripple Creek, is held in the military "bull pen" without warrant, and the federal court held that the governor had the right to use military power to enforce the law if necessary. Judge Hallet congratulated the state on having a governor who would enforce the law.

Notes. A new antiunion organization has been started at Chicago as a secret society. The street railway strikers of Bloomington, Ill., have hired a dozen automobiles holding sixteen persons each to compete with the cars of the railway company.

Commercial.

Erie's Trust Dissolved.

With the declaration of a 2 per cent dividend by the Erie railroad, making 4 per cent for the fiscal year, the entire system passed out of the hands of the voting trust composed of Morgan, Fitzgerald and Tennant, where it had rested since the reorganization of 1895.

By that agreement all of the stock must now be issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. to the stockholders in exchange for voting trust certificates. It was the talk in Wall street that the Erie system is to take the place of the Northern Securities merger by absorbing the great western systems therein, provided the supreme court compels the dissolution of the merger.

Union of St. Louis Trusts. The Commonwealth Trust company of St. Louis absorbed the Germania Trust company by a cash deal of \$1,750,000 Jan. 18, bringing the Commonwealth's total deposits above \$9,000,000, one of the largest in all the west.

Two other trust companies had been absorbed by it in the last year. Officers of the Germania took places in the Commonwealth.

The Antitoxin Trust. The medical authorities of Illinois and other states have been greatly incensed by the action of the antitoxin trust, composed of three concerns which virtually control the supply of this life saving substance, in arbitrarily advancing the price of the product 100 per cent.

Steps were already taken to prosecute the trust under the Illinois law against monopoly.

Notes. Peace overtures were made by C. M. Schwab in the shipyard receivership case involving a reorganization, with Schwab's securities having no pref-

erence. Bookings for ocean travel next season are already heavier than usual. Cotton continued to rise, passing 15, and Sully was crowned cotton king on the New York exchange.

London's rival editors, Harmsworth and Pearson, have joined forces to make the greatest newspaper circuit in the world. Armour pushed wheat above 92 at Chicago.

Industrial.

Crop Reports Indorsed.

On recommendation of the committee on crop statistics, the national board of trade at Washington decided to appoint a committee to co-operate with the agricultural department in securing information on which to base crop reports. The work of the government in this line was pronounced "deserving of favorable recognition and acceptance as representing all the facts obtainable."

New Railroad Rule.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad has ordered that under no circumstances shall passenger trains exceed their schedule speed and that when late engineers must not attempt to make up time. It is hoped by this means to avoid many accidents.

Bridge Over Canso Strait.

A Kansas City firm is said to have received a commission to prepare plans for a mammoth bridge across the strait of Canso, between Hastings and Cape Porcupine, C. B. The structure will be over 150 feet above high water and will have a main span of 1,800 feet, the longest in the world. It will shorten the distance between Truro and Sydney by doing away with the train ferry.

RELIGIOUS

Dr. Briggs Again a Disturber.

The Episcopal diocese of New York has been greatly disturbed by a bold and radical utterance of the very man whom it welcomed into the fold a few years back after he had been voted out of the Presbyterian church as a rationalistic interpreter of the inspired Scriptures — namely, the Rev. Charles A. Briggs.



Rev. Charles A. Briggs.

In a paper read before the Church club Dr. Briggs said in substance: Episcopal apostolic succession had only the slightest historical foundation; that ordination in the Episcopal church is not a sacrifice and that inferentially a man ordained by it cannot consecrate elements in the Eucharist in a sacrificial sense; that in point of universality the Church of Rome has almost the only claim worth considering and that the requirement of Bishop Potter and others of reordination is an affront to other religious bodies.

Bishop Potter was asked to investigate, and it was said that Briggs was drifting toward Rome.

Says It Was "God's Fire." A discussion of the religious justification or explanation of the recent terrible theater fire at Chicago has been started by the unflinching statement of Dr. Parkhurst, New York's Presbyterian reformer, in his sermon last week that it was "God's fire." He insisted that the real responsibility for the accident lay with the people at large, inasmuch as under a democratic form of government the enforcement of a given law depends upon public opinion.

This did not acquit the negligent officials of manslaughter. He went on to explain that while God is love and he is a loving Father he has respect for the laws he has laid down and is not a mush of concession.

Church Gains of a Year. Dr. H. K. Carroll, an expert in church statistics, says in the Christian Advocate that while the increase of communicants last year was less than in 1902 that of ministers and churches is much greater. Last year's gain in ministers was 2,340, or about 50 per cent, while that of church edifices was 2,647, or about 100 per cent. The lar-

gest gain in communicants occurred in the Roman Catholic church—namely, 166,010. The increases of communicants in other churches were as follows: African Methodist Episcopal, 56,946; Baptists of all kinds, 61,146; all Methodist bodies, 112,946; all Lutherans, 36,567; all Presbyterians, 26,506; Protestant Episcopal, 15,209.

EDUCATIONAL

Elliot Favors Public Schools.

President Elliot of Harvard in an address before the Public Education association at Boston said that in recent years he had been making at Harvard a test of the value of our public schools in comparison with our endowed and private schools. Harvard's students are drawn in about equal numbers from these three types of schools. He had found that the public school boys passed the best entrance examination and that they are best at graduation.

Students Want Fewer Meals.

The students of the University of Missouri have petitioned the faculty to serve them with only two meals. Experiments recently conducted by six dormitory students seemed to show that a student was in better health and spirits to do hard mental work when only eating two meals a day. It was requested that the noon meal be eliminated.

Notes. Columbia university's bulletin shows a teaching staff of 585 and a student enrollment of 4,557, of which 299 are women in Barnard. Erline Sinclair, the Parks (Ind.) under age school-ma'am who was bound and left in a frozen pond to her neck by girl hoodlums, has sued her tormentors for \$10,000 and gone back to teach out the year. Superintendent Estelle Reel of Indian schools reports the industrial features rapidly are solving the Indian problem and that there is now very little opposition from the parents.

Berlin university, for the first time, has granted a doctor of science degree to a woman chemist, Miss Milroy of Detroit, Mich. President Harper of Chicago says he would rather have his university "filled with dull men and women who will work than with students who are unusually bright."

SOCIOLOGICAL

Listing the Vagrants.

In both Boston and Chicago the police authorities have begun a complete record of the measurements and photographs of all such occupants of cheap lodging houses, frequented by criminal tramps, as cannot give reasonable account of themselves. At the same time the New York Charity Aid society is pushing its bulletin of names, aliases, descriptions and photographs of criminal tramps. This means that the time is not distant when all professional tramps in the country will be recorded and accurately described.

Power to Stop Lynching.

Governor Heyward of South Carolina, in a special message to the legislature, refers to the recent lynching at Reesville and asks special legislation and funds for fighting this growing tendency toward lawlessness.

Notes. From both Kansas and Illinois come reports showing the increasing tendency of farm boys and girls to prefer city life and occupations. In both New York and Chicago free courses of study in practical philanthropy are being conducted. The New York Charity Organization society has issued a handbook on the prevention of tuberculosis, an illustrated volume of 388 pages containing a great variety of practical information and suggestion.

Miscellaneous

Accidents.

Three were killed and twelve injured by a natural gas explosion which wrecked the Hotel Sitz at Marion, Ind., Jan. 21.

The bursting of a thirty foot flywheel in the rail mill of the Cambria Steel company at Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 21, resulted in the death of one person and injury of many others, besides wrecking the mill.

A fire in the Shelby Steel works at Shelby, O., a branch of the United States Steel corporation, Jan. 20, destroyed two great stock houses filled with steel tubing valued at \$3,000,000.

Fire destroyed the machine shops of E. W. Bliss company, Brooklyn, Jan. 22, causing one fireman's death and \$1,000,000 loss.

Deaths. George Francis Train, the well known promoter and eccentric writer, died at New York Jan. 18, aged seventy-four years.

James I. Blair, former counsel for the St. Louis fair, died at Custis, Fla., Jan. 10.

Professor Herman E. von Holst, the famous writer on American constitutional history, died at Freiburg, Germany, Jan. 20.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of JAMES BROWN, dec'd, late of Bellefonte borough, Pa. Letters of administration having been duly granted on the above estate he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Admr. Fortney & Walker, Attys.

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CLEMENT S. FORTNEY, J. ARTHUR FORTNEY, Exors. Fine Grove Mills. Fortney & Walker, Attys.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

OF REAL ESTATE. The undersigned, a Trustee appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre county to sell the real estate of Morgan M. Lucas, late of Boggs township, Centre county, Pa., deceased will offer at public sale on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Court House, Bellefonte, Pa., a small tract of land situated in the township of Boggs, county of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a post, thence by lands of A. C. White south 1/2 degree west 1/2 perches to post; thence by lands of George Taylor north 26 degrees west 5 perches to post; thence by land of Morgan M. Lucas north 7 degrees east 2 1/2 perches to post; thence by Bellefonte and Snow Shoe R. R. Co. south 15 degrees east 13 perches to place of beginning.

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W. HARRISON WALKER, Trustee. Fortney & Walker, Attys, Bellefonte, Pa.

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We do not intend to carry over any of these goods, and the only way to get rid of them is to cut the price and give the shoe buyers of Centre county the benefit. You will find that we will sell shoes just as we advertise, and there will be no misrepresentation in this sale.

Below you will find a list of goods at the regular price and the reduction:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Regular Price, Reduced Price. Includes Ladies' \$4.00 shoes, Men's \$5.00 shoes, etc.

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MEN'S GOOD ALL SOLID \$2.25 LEATHER BOOTS, NOW \$1.50

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BOYS' GOOD ALL SOLID BOX CALF SHOES WORTH \$1.75, NOW \$1.20

Table with 3 columns: Item, Regular Price, Reduced Price. Includes Misses' 2.00 dress shoes, Boys' 1.75 patent colt shoes, etc.

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Death and Damage In Storm and Flood

A cone of the great swirling storm that swept the country from the Rockies to the sea when the cold wave loosened its grip dealt a terrible blow to one tiny hamlet of the "sunny south," Moundville, Ala., near Birmingham, Jan. 22, killing thirty-seven of its 300 inhabitants outright, while less than half escaped uninjured.

Every business house but one was demolished in an instant. By the force of the storm persons were blown hundreds of feet from their beds in the blackness of night.

Bedding, carpets and wearing apparel are scattered a distance of ten miles throughout what was a forest, but which is now as clear as if it had been cut by the woodsman's ax. Relief trains and supplies were sent promptly from nearby cities.

Surging floods and ice gorges in all the water courses from the Passaic to the Des Moines have done vast damage to property, caused untold suffering and engulfed lives at many points. Pittsburg and Cincinnati were especially heavy sufferers. Bridges and river craft were swept away. Trains were held up and industries at a standstill.