LABOR AND THE COAL STRIKE

WHAT EX-MAYOR HEWITT HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT.

Declares That Arbitration Is Not the Solution to the Problem-Says the Operators Are Only Doing Their Plain Duty in Declining to Arbitrate a Question Which Is in the Domain of Conscience and Involves | greed. The Personal Liberty of the Indi-

(Reprinted by Request.)

At Bar Harbor, Me., Monday, Abram S. Hewitt, ex-mayor of New York, was asked whether arbitration was the only means that remained whereby the great anthracite coal strike might be ended, and whether or not it was an eguitable solution of the difficulty. He

You ask whether the time has not ar rived for arbitration in order to end the coal strike in the anthracite region. I think the time has arrived when the plain truth should be told, as well to the strik-ing miners as to the public, from some recognized advocate of trade organizations as beneficial agencies for the im-provement of the condition of workingmen. For a quarter of a century I have uniformly maintained the right and the duty of association, both on the part of employers and employes. Such organiza-tions, however, must be for lawful purposes and must look to the accomplish ment of results founded on justice. When claims are made contarary to the fundamental conditions upon which society is founded, they must be resisted at all haz-ards. I am clear that the claims of Mr. Mitchell and the organization over which he presides are in contravention of the principles of free government and of the rights of men to earn their living in any lawful way, without interference from organized labor or organized capital.

WHAT MITCHELL SEEKS.

The unhappy controversy now existing is not based upon any reasonable claim which labor can make for shorter hours or better wages. It is true that Mr. Mitchell alleges this to be the object of the strike, but as a matter of fact it is notorious that the real object is to secure the reconition of his national organization as an authority entitled to decide upon the rates of wages and the conditions of labor in the coal fields wherever situated. If this demand be conceded it will not be possible for any man not holding a union card to secure employment in the coal fields. This will amount to a denial of the rights of every man to sell his labor in a free market. The conces-sion of this demand will make Mr. Mitchell the dictator of the coal business and put him in control of votes enough to decide the next presidential election.

The right to labor is inherent in every human being and cannot be surrendered without the sacrifice of individual liberty and of private property. It therefore right of a man to his own home if it shall be claimed by an outsider who proffers arbitration. An offer of arbitration Is always attractive, but there are many things which cannot be submitted to arbitration, and among them none is so important to the workingman as the right to sell his labor in a free market. The operators cannot yield this point without being disloyal to the owners of the property and to the workmen who carry on

REASON FOR NOT ARBITRATING.

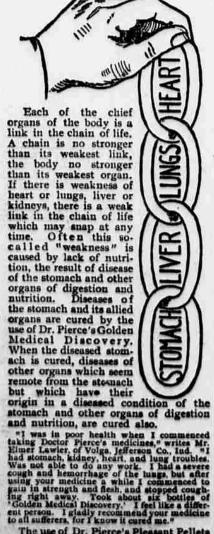
It would be far better to abandon the ersiness of mining anthracite coal than o concede the demand of any man or set of men to deny the rights of employment .ure of free government is founded, and to which this country owes phenomenal progress. In my judgment, therefore, the operators are only doing their plain duty declining to arbitrate a question which domain of conscience and involves the personal liberty of the indi-

solution of the trouble is for Mr. Mitchell to order the strike off without delay. When this is done, if there be grievances to be abated they will be promptly adjusted between the local operators and the local unions. The right of association is not in question. This is admitted by both employers and em-ployes. What is denied, and properly so, s the power, by t he issue of union cards, to refuse employment to non-union men, and thus condemn them to ostracism, starvation and death. Such a result is abhorrent to justice and is fatal to per-

RESUMPTION OF WORK.

It is claimed in some quarters, and alleged to be the general opinion, that the operators ought to resume work without regard to the menacing conditions with which the anthracite coal mines are now surrounded. Such a position does not ap-pear to me to be reasonable. As the owners of property, the operators un-doubtedly owe a duty to the community. which is suffering great loss from the searcity of fuel. The right of private property, guaranteed by the constitution, is always subject to the underlying prin-ciple that it is to be used so as not to damage seciety.

Any claim of the operators, therefore, that they can do with their own as they



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see fit, does not rest upon a sound foun-dation. If, however, in the recognition of their duty to the public they are compelled to respect other fundamental con-ditions equally, if not more, important to the public welfare, they would be false to their duty if they should yield to clamor and pressure from those who have not carefully considered the consequences of such action. There is a principle more important than the obligation of private property to subordinate itself to the general welfare. The demand of any man or set of men not occupying public office, to decide upon the conditions upon which labor such the labor stall seals its living and to make labor shall seek its living, and to make it subject to a license from irresponsible leaders, whether representing capital or labor, is in effect, a claim to the power of life and death, and can never be conceded without a base surrender of duty to-

THE RIGHT TO LABOR.

The coal operators, therefore, are not fighting so much for the control of their own property as for the right of the citi-zen to labor where he may find employment without interference from organiza-

tions or men who have no right to con-trol his freedom of action.

Finally, the claim of the United Mine Workers' organization to control the en-tire coal industry of the country is based upon an impracticable idea. Very little knowledge is necessary to show that the coal regions of the United States differ so much from each other that the policy which is adapted to one is utterly un-suited to another. Moreover, the various mines differ from each other in conditions, requiring careful adjustment in the wages of labor, and in some respects in the hours necessary to keep them in working order. All that a national or-ganization could possibly do would be to support the claim of workmen who for any reason are dissatisfied with the conditions which prevail in any particular

lacality or mine.

But to call a general instead of a local not for a moment be tolerated by a free people. Moreover, in this day of free discussion and the publicity of all the facts through the newspapers, there is no pos-sibility that any coal operator could or would resist demands which are founded upon justice. The coal mines are all un-der official inspection, generally by officers who sympathize, and properly so, with the miners. therefore, will not only be promptly made known, but will be as promptly redressed, when the questions at issue are discussed with good temper and free from the passions which are excited by a general strike, throwing thousands of men out of employment.

RECURRENCE OF STRIKES.

The consequences of such strikes are so disastrous, not merely to the parties directly concerned, but to the whole community, that every effort should be made as soon as the existing strike has been called off and the excitement is abated to prevent, by appropriate legislation, the recurrence of such calamitous conflicts, whereby everybody is injured and no one is benefited.

The enactment of such legislation will not be attended with more difficulty than in the case of other disputes, now regu-lated by law and subject to the adjudication of the courts, when the miners shall realize that they are making war upon their own rights secured by centuries of conflicts and sacrifices and that at presof all personal freedom. Such disastrous conflicts will cease to recur and arbitra-tion may then well be invoked to settle local disputes.

The hope of the working classes in the future, as in the past, for better conditions rests upon personal liberty and the security of property. The English speaking miners understand this proposition perfectly well, but for the time being they are powerless in the presence of bad cadership and the state of terror which prevails in the coal region, subjecting then to obloquy, violence and death, by which unwilling acquiescence is enforced. What is wanted to end this destructive repression of violence and the assured otection of the miners who desire to earn a livelihood for themselves and their families. To this protection they are en-titled, and the government which fails titled, and the government which falls though she may return to comic opera, to afford it is a reproach to republican it is stated, under the management of

an ill grace from a leader who began the conflict with an order calling on the en gineers, firemen and pumpmen to aban don their task, thus exposing the mine to utter ruin. If this order had been obeyed, the resumption of work would have been indefinitely postponed and the helpless victims of this desperate expe dient reduced to hopeless poverty. "To rule or ruln" is not a policy which commends itself to the American people who believe in the old fashioned rule. that he who demands equity must first do

equity. LABOR DAY EXCURSION.

It Will Be a Most Enjoyable Affair at Lake Lodore, Sept. 1.

The Labor Day excursion will be con ducted to Lake Lodore on Monday Sept. 1. There will be no place at which can be more pleasantly spent than at this beautiful lakeside, where thousands of merry excursionists will be entertained in royal style. There will be an excellent dance programme provided in the mammoth pavillion, and the safe and rapid moving steamer and naptha launches, the large and commodious passenger boat together with the fleet of row boats will be in full service. No better spot for fishing in service. No better spot for fishing in the past two years, will play Eddle Foy's the region. Then there will be one of part in "The Strollers" this season. the most exciting ball games of the season for a gold prize. An abundance plied; the merry-go-round, swings, etc. for the children. Trains will leave the D. & H. depot, Scranton, at 9.15 and 10.13 a. m. and 1.11 p. m. Fare from Scranton, 75 cents. Excursion trains will leave Carbondale at 10.00 and 11.05 a, m. and 2 p. m. Reduced rates from all points between Scranton and Hones-

ZELINSKY RE-ARRESTED.

One of the Prisoners Who Escaped from Jail.

Frank Zelinsky, who escaped from the county jail, with his brother Louis, last December, was brought down from jail yesterday by Warden Miles McAndrew nd taken before Alderman Ruddy. The charge was jail-breaking, for which Zelinsky will have to answer before the next grand jury, was preferred and he was held in \$800 ball, and in default was recommitted to await trial. The brothers were incarcerated for some offence committed in Priceburg, and after they had been in jail awhile, Frank was made a "trusty." One morning last December, while breakfast was being prepared, he, with his brother, secured a plank and rope, scaled the jail wall and escaped.

Frank was re-captured, and has just ompleted his sentence for the first offence. He will now have to wait trial, and undergo another sentence for breaking jail. Louis is still at large.

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PLAYHOUSES OF THE CIT

GOOD ATTRACTIONS ARE BOOK-ED FOR THE SEASON.

John L. Kerr Says That Scranton Will Get the Best the Stage Affords-Reese Richards Has Resign-

manager of the circuit of theatres of which the Lyceum and Academy of Music are a part, left for Bethlehem yesterday, after paying a short visit to this city. He expressed himself as much pleased with the appearance of their theatres in this city for the coming season and said the bookings for Scranton for the season are the best ever listed for this city. "We will give you the best the stage affords," was the way Mr. Kerr summed the matter up. A few changes have been made in the staffs at the theatres. Reese Rich-

ards has resigned the position of treasurer at the Lyceum and has been suc ceeded by the assistant treasurer, treasurer at the Academy, has been strike when a local grievance is not adjusted in a satisfactory way is an outcome. The vacancy caused at the rage of such vast proportions that it can-Academy has not yet been filled. Samuel Grant has been appointed press representative for both theatres.

At the Star Theater. Next week a pretty and pleasing extravaganza will be put on at the Star theater, under the title of the "Moonight Maids." The show is claimed to e a decided novelty in the vaudeville

in "Way Down East," three in "Lovers' Lane," two in "Foxy Grandpa," "Under Southern Skies," a revival of "After Dark" and a melodrama as yet unnamed. Bettina Gerard, who has been starring wtih Hubert Wilke in vaudeville, is working now on her own book, and will con-tinue in the vaudeville for some time, lenry W. Savage soon.

Marie Tempest opened a new play from the French last Monday night at the Duke of York's theater, London, and cre-ated a big success. It was a comedy called "The Marriage of Kitty." Tempest will be seen in the piece in this country the coming season under the nauagement of Charles Frohman. Klaw & Erlanger purchased the New York theater from the Sire Brothers last Wednesday, the price paid being about \$2,000,000. The Criterion theater was included in the deal. Later in the day the Criterion was transferred to Charles Frohman and Rich and Harris, \$500,000

being involved in the latter deal.

George Fortescue, the 385-pound comedian, has played the part of Hen How in "San Toy" ever since that piece was produced without an understudy. This year Wilfred Gerdes, who weighs 348 pounds, but who says he can get up to the required size, is to be his understudy.

Bobby Gaylor, the funny little Irish comedian, will have the chief role in "The Wizard of Oz." He replaces John Slavin, who joins the Lederer forces in New

Kirk La Shelle has great confidence in the drawing powers of "Arizona." Dur-ing the past week he bought out Fred Hamile's interest in the piece, playing

\$25,000. John Gilbert, the well known eccentric comedian who has been in vaudeville for At a cost of more than \$15,000 Messrs Sam S. and Lee Shubert have installed an entirely new electric plant in the Casino. Everything is new, from the lat-est and most powerful type of dynamo to switchboards, dimmers, wires and light bulbs, without missing a performance of "A Chinese Houeymoon," the present attraction at the theater. The work was finally completed yesterday and accepted by the management for the property of the property by the management. Experts say the Casino is now the best lighted and the best electrically equipped theater in America.

MOSQUITOES.

Figures Showing How Rapidly They Multiply in Summer.

Curtis in Chicago Record-Herald. It is one of the strangest problems that human curosity has to confront, why is it so easy to raise mosquitoes and other things you don't want, and so hard to raise broiler chickens and many other things that you do. And it seems to me, traveling around this summer, that the mosquitoes are getting larger and more numerous and the broller chickens smaller and scarcer. I suppose that is one of the things that will be made clear to us after we are dead, when the information is of no value whatever.

Dr. L. O. Howard, the bug man of the agricultural department, who has done more than any other person to set the mosquito right in this matter and advertise his industry and enterprise, is usually a truthful man. Hence, I took his word for it. at the Cosmos club in Washington one night, when he told me that one well-behaved, modest and industrious lady mosquito, who does not go gallivanting about, but stays at nome and looks after her household and the nursery, can produce 188,137,-775,102 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in a single season; and it isn't often given to a mosquito to live more than two weeks, even if her career is not cut off by being caught between the palm of somebody's hand and the side of somebody's head. I don't know that I ever heard of anything that accumulates faster than mosquitoes. I read an article by Dr.

Lutz, the celebrated biologist of Chica-go university, who calculates that the first litter born in a well-regulated mos-quito family numbers 125,000; that the next numbers 12,000,000 or thereabouts, and the next 36,750,217,432, and then I suppose he got dizzy and stopped count-

I met a bug sharp down at Oyste

Bay who told me that one of the best places to breed mosquitoes was, the barrel that farmers' wives usually set under the sprouts from the cave trough to catch rain water. These barrels are generally near the bedroom windows so ed His Position at the Lyceum and that the mosquitoes don't have to go far. Well, this particular bug sharp, Has Been Succeeded by Grover who had been hired by an association Swartz-Offering with Which the of citizens down on Long Island to get Popular Star Opens Its Doors to the crude petroleum over the swamps, deup a mosquito agitation and squirt clared that he examined one of those barrels at a farmhouse near Sagamore Hill and found in it fifty-flive grams John L. Kerr, of Syracuse, general of mosquito eggs, which will pan out about 10,000 mosquitoes to the gram and can be reproduced about four times a week. There were nine soft water barrels around the house, hence the farmer's wife, who is a good, Christian woman, kind to the poor, and makes an excellent huckleberry ple, had unconsciously been running all summer, and goodness knows how many summers before, a factory that produced 19,800,000 fresh and husky young mosquitoes every week, and each one of them bred 188,137,775,102 youngsters before his death the next week after. I told the president about it. He hitched up his trousers, observed that he owned property in that neighborhood, and Grove Swartz. Frank Duffy, assistant asked where the man was who told the story. I replied to the best of my information. He glanced up at his favorite gun, which was lying across the antlers of a moose, breathed a sigh, remarked that he feared he was out of range by this time and settled down

THE MARKETS

Wall Street Review.

be a decided novelty in the vaudeville houses, for many reasons, one being that the entertainment is in three acts, with a charming story running all through. From rise of the curtain on the first act of "A Day and Night," until its fall at the end of the last, it is full of bright, catchy music, and most of the time the stage is filled with handsomely dressed women. There is just enough plot, concerning a circus queen, to hold together the many songs and dances which make the real attractiveness of the piece. In the company are Williams and Adams, the Monte Carlo millionaires; Miss Toma Hanlon, a splendid soprano vocalist; Frey and Allen, comedy sketch; Campbell and Dare, the "Musical Conductor and the Pullman Porter"; Fleids and Evans, "The Hebrew and the Rube"; Miss Georgia O'Ramey, coon shouter, and the Misses Littlefield and Emerson, acrobatic madcaps, and several others.

Dally matinees will be given, with the charged Labor Day and on all holidays, Matinee, 2.30; evening, 8.15. New telephone, 2891.

STAGE NOTES.

William A. Brady will have an even dozen attractions this season—Grace George, in her new play; three companies in "Way Down East," three in "Lovers' Lane," two in "Foxy Grandpa,," "Under Southern Skies," a revival of "After Dark" and a melodrama as yet unnamed. Bettina Gerard, who has been starring for the following quotations are furnished. The Tribune by Haight & Freese Co. 344

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New Potatoes-50c per bushel.

Philadelphia Grain and Produce.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Wheat—14c. lower; contract grade. August, 73441344c. Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow on track, 68able. Oats—Firm; Fair demand; No. 2 white clipped new, 42c. Butter—Steady; extra western creamery, 1945c.; do. nearby prints, 21c. Eggs—Steady; fresh nearby, 21c.; loss off do western 21c.; do. do. do. southwestern, 19c.; do. do. southern. 18a 17c., do. do. Cheese—Firm and higher; New York full creams, prime small, 104a 104c.; do. do. do. fair to good, 94a1044c. Refined Sugars—Unchanged. Cotton—Steady, Tallow—Quiet but steady; city price, in tierces, 64a645c.; country do. do. barrels, 6a645c.; do. dark, in barrels, 58a 54c.; cakes, 65a645c. Live Poultry—uQlet: fowls, 13c.; old roosters, 9c.; spring chickens, 13a14c.; spring ducks, 11c.; old do., 10a11c. Dressed Poultry—Quiet and fowls lower; fowls, choice western, 13c.; do. fair to good, 12a1244c.; old roosters, 94c.; brollers, nearby large, 1a617c.; do. small and medium, 41a15c.; western do., large, 15c.; small and medium, 13a14c. Receipts—Flour, 1,700 barrels and 2,625,000 pounds in sacks; wheat, 63,000 bushels; corn, 5,600 bushels; oats, 25,000 bushels.

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New York, Aug. 27.—Flour—Quiet and
easier. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red, 75%, c.
elevator; No. 2 red, 76%, arollec, f. o. b.
afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, Sic. f. o. b.
afloat; options closed steady at ½a½c, net
decline; May closed 74½c; September,
75c; December, 72½c, Corn—Spot easy;
No. 2, 67c, elevator and 67½c, f. o. b.
afloat; options closed steady at ½a½c, net
loss; May closed 4½c; September, 6½c, c.
December, 48½c, Oats—Spot dull; No. 2,
34a37c; No. 2 white, 37½a41c, options
quiet and easier; May closed 35½c; December, 35½c, Butter—Steady; creamery,
15a19c; factory, 13a15½c; renovated, 15a
17½c; imitation creamery, 14½a17½c;
state dairy, 15a18½c, Cheese—Weak to
firm; new state full cream, small colored fancy, 10½a10½c; small white, 10¾a
10½c; large colored, 9½c; large white,
9½c, Eggs—Firm; state and Pennsylvania,
20½a21c; western candled, 18a20c; western uncandled, 18a184c.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Grain market ruled weak today. Improvement in the weather was the most potent factor. Support was poor and stop-loss orders were felt, particularly in the near deliveries of wheat and corn. At the close September wheat was 34c. lower; September corn, 34c. off and September osta, 3c. lower and September provisions closed 12½c. lower to 22½c. higher. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour-Steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 72a73c.; No. 3, 69¼a70c.; No. 2 red, 71¼a72c.; No. 2 corn, 59¼c.; No. 2 vellow.—; No. 2 oats, 31c.; No. 2 white, 53a53c.; No. 3 white, 31½a33½c.; No. 2 rye, 51a 51½c.; good feeding barley, —; fair to choice maiting, 53a35c.; No. 1 flax seed, \$1.41; No. 1 northwestern, \$1.47; prime timothy seed, \$4.404.50; mess pork, per barrel, \$17a17.05; lard, per 100 pounds, \$10.70 a10.72½; short ribs, \$10.03a10.15; shoulders, 854a53c.; short clear sides, 10¾a10%c. Chicago Grain Market.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

East Buffalo, Aug. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 75; good cattle steady; common to light, 10 al5c. lower: prime steers, \$8a.25; fair to choice, \$4.75a7.75; helfers, \$3a6.50; cows, \$3a5; canners, \$1.50a2.50; bulls, \$3a4.75; feeders, \$4.25a5; stockers, \$3a4; stock helfers, \$3a3.75; veals, slow. Hogs—Receipts, 1,700; fairly active, 10a15c. higher; heavy, \$7.85a 7.90; mixed, \$7.75a7.85; pigs. \$7.50a7.60; roughs, \$6a6.50; stags, \$6a5.50; grassers, \$7.30a7.50; closing steady. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3.350; sheep, slow; tambs, dull, 15a25c. lower; top lambs, \$5.75a5.85; fair to good, \$5.25a5.50; culls to common, \$3.75a4; yearlings, \$4a4.50; wethers, \$4a4.25; ewes, \$5a3.50; sheep, top mixed, \$2.50 a3.70; fair to good, \$3.25a3.40; culls to common, \$1.75a2.75. Buffalo Live Stock Market.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 17,-500, including 500 Texans, 6,000 westerns; steady; good to prime steers, \$a9; poor to medium, \$4a7,25; stockers and feeders, \$2.50a5.25; heifers, \$2.50a6; canners, \$1.50a 2.50; bulls, \$2.25a5.25; calves, \$2.75a5.50; Texas fed steers, \$3a5; western steers, \$4.50a6. Hogs—Receipts today, 21,000; tomorrow, 20,000; left over, 7,000; opened steady to 10a15c. lower; mixed and butchers, \$7.35a7.90; good to choice heavy, \$7.60a 7.95; rough heavy, \$7.25a7.60; light, \$7.35a 7.75; bulk of sales, \$7.50a7.75. Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; sheep, 10c. lower; lambs, 15a 25c. lower; good to choice wethers, \$3.50a 3.75; fair to choice mixed, \$2.50a3.50; native lambs, \$5.75a6.10.

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