

END OF TOUR OF THE COMMISSION

The Members Will Return Home and Meet in Scranton on November 14.

WILL TAKE TESTIMONY OF THE COAL MINERS

Six Working Days Have Been Consumed in Traveling from Place to Place and Seven Mines of Varying Conditions Have Been Visited. The Commissioners Now Equipped with Technical Knowledge That Will Enable the Members to Proceed with the Work—A Lot of Complaints Are Heard.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mahanoy City, Pa., Nov. 5.—The anthracite strike commission ended its tour of observation of the coal fields in the Panther Creek valley today, and the members of the party will return to their homes tomorrow, and will meet again at Scranton, Pa., on November 14, to take the testimony of the miners.

The biggest day's work of the entire trip was accomplished today, when the commissioners made a complete inspection of two large collieries and a tour of the region lying between Mount Carmel and this city.

Six working days have been consumed in traveling from place to place in the anthracite coal regions, and the arbitrators feel they are now qualified to sit in judgment on the controversy between the mine owners and their employees. In all the collieries visited, the arbitrators found conditions of varying degrees of safety and health. They heard the grievances the workers claim they have, and also heard the companies' side of complaints. Besides this, the commissioners gained a somewhat technical knowledge of mining in its many different features that will be of the greatest assistance to them.

The commissioners' special train left Mount Carmel at 7:30 a. m., and first visited the Potts colliery in Columbia county, several miles from Mount Carmel. It is owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company. The breaker at this colliery is different from those seen by the commissioners at other places. They went all over the building and were much interested in the workmen employed there, among whom were many boys.

From the Potts colliery the train proceeded through Ashland, Girardville and Gilberton to the Maple Hill colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company in the Mahanoy valley, a few miles from Shenandoah. This is one of the best mines in the entire anthracite field and is equipped with all modern appliances. The bottom of the mine is 720 feet below the surface, and during their two hours' stay in the workings the commissioners went about a mile and a half from the shaft. The whistle blew the noon hour just as the party came to the surface. At the instant, nearly, the commissioners talked with the boys, whose faces were black from coal dust. Judge Gray and Bishop Spaulding seemed the most interested in the lads and each gave some of them small coin.

After their tour of the day, the commissioners arrived in this city at 5 o'clock and will depart from the last-stand hotel tomorrow morning. They will leave for Pottsville at about 9 o'clock and will depart from the latter place for their homes during the afternoon. The commissioners' special cars will be run to Washington, by way of Philadelphia, and from the latter some of the commissioners will go to New York city.

The commissioners held a conference in the parlor of the hotel tonight, at which arrangements for the holding of the hearings and also the mode of procedure in taking testimony were discussed. It was announced that Commissioner Watkins, whose home is in Scranton, has been delegated to make arrangements for the meeting in Scranton. It is likely the hearing will be held in the court house there.

The status of the independent coal companies in the present arbitration proceedings is not quite clear. All of them have been invited to participate in the hearing if they so desire. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, it is understood, have agreed to abide by the decision of the commission, as also have several small independent concerns. It is quite clear, however, that all of them will accept the arbitrators' decision. If they do this, the commission is likely to take up the grievances which have arisen at some of the independent collieries since the strike was declared off. The commission has been delegated to visit any collieries where the owners have not agreed to abide by the award of the commission.

HEARST'S COMPLAINT AGAINST COMPANIES

Anthracite Coal Carrying Railways Are Accused of Violating Interstate Commerce Laws.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The complaint of William Randolph Hearst, of New York, against anthracite coal carrying railways, charging that the latter's rates for the transportation of coal from the anthracite fields to New England, New York, Maryland and the District of Columbia are unreasonable, has been referred to the interstate state commerce commission today. The commission immediately sent notifications of the complaint to the railway companies named as defendants, as follows:

Philadelphia and Reading railway, Lehigh Valley, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Central Railroad of New Jersey, New York, Susquehanna and Western, Erie, New York, Ontario and Western, Delaware and Hudson, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore and Ohio. The roads have until the 20th instant to file their answers.

The complaint alleges that the rates subject the consumers at the points named, and the producers of such coal who are not common carriers or corporations owned and controlled by common carriers, to unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage, in violation of the interstate commerce act. It charges that the rates are discriminating and prejudicial to the interests of dealers and consumers of anthracite coal, as compared with the transportation rates for bituminous coal for much longer distances, and also as compared with the differential rates and charges on other articles freight traffic generally. It is alleged that the Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Erie, New York, Susquehanna and Western, and the Philadelphia and Reading roads have entered into a freight pooling agreement.

MOLINEUX TRIAL RESUMED. The Day Consumed by Handwriting Experts.

New York, Nov. 4.—The trial of John B. Molineux, which was adjourned on Saturday, was resumed today, the whole session being devoted to the testimony and cross-examination of experts in handwriting. Dr. Marshall D. Elwell, who was under examination when the court adjourned, resumed to stand. His statement on certain peculiarities of the prosecution's handwriting, on which the prosecution laid stress, were common to fifty per cent of all writing was greeted with applause which was quickly suppressed. Dr. Elwell was succeeded by Warren A. Drake, an expert from Chicago, who testified that there were too many points of difference in the disputed writings to warrant the belief that they were all by the same hand.

MR. PLATT'S EXPLANATION. The Democrats Got Together and a Few Republicans Slipped Over.

New York, Nov. 5.—Senator Thomas C. Platt was asked today for a statement on the state election. He said: "We have to be satisfied. Odell's plurality is not nearly as large as I had expected. Senator Platt said that in his opinion the trust question and the coal strike had nothing to do with the result of the vote. "The Democrats got together," he said, "and held together, and a few Republicans slipped over to them."

THE VOTE IN WAYNE.

County Goes Democratic with Exception of Register and Recorder.

Honesdale, Nov. 5.—The vote in Wayne county is a surprise to many. The county has gone Democratic with the exception of P. H. Crako, Republican, who is re-elected register and recorder. Pattison's majority in Honesdale borough was 70. Hon. Leopold Fuerth, Democrat, will return to the legislature by a handsome majority. His colleague, J. D. Brennan, is probably defeated by Hon. W. C. Morton, Republican, by a small majority. This vote is so close that the official vote will be necessary for a decision. M. E. Hanlon, Democrat, has a large majority over Delaney for prothonotary. E. H. Courtwright, Republican, for sheriff was defeated by a small majority. Joel Hill, Democrat, for state senator, will carry the county by about 1200 to 600. The present incumbents are all re-elected, namely: George Taylor, Republican; George Robertson, Democrat; George Seaman, Democrat. Hill for senator in the Wayne-Susquehanna district will be elected by about 600 over Pratt, Republican.

PRESIDENT WITH MASONS

Mr. Roosevelt the Principal Guest at Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 5.—President Roosevelt was the principal guest today at the sesqui-centennial anniversary celebration by the grand lodge of Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania of George Washington's appointment into the Masonic fraternity. The president was also the orator of the occasion. He arrived in this city over the Pennsylvania shortly after 11 o'clock and was met at the station by Grand Master J. A. Tenny and the reception committee of the grand lodge. Carriages were in waiting and the president was escorted to Masonic Temple where the exercises began at noon. The celebration was exclusive, being limited to one representative from each subordinate lodge in this state, together with the members of the grand lodge and its committees. Grand Master Tenny delivered the address of welcome, Charles A. Gallagher, M. W., grand master of Massachusetts then responding. President Roosevelt was then introduced.

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Stewart L. Woodford, former minister to Spain delivered the concluding address. The president was escorted to the railroad station and left for Washington at 8:40 o'clock this afternoon. His departure was delayed a few minutes by the late arrival of Mrs. Roosevelt from New York, owing to a wreck on the road near Jersey City.

TEXAS SHOOTING AFFRAY

Great Excitement Prevails in the Vicinity of Orange—Three Men Dead.

Orange, Tex., Nov. 5.—Three men are dead, as a result of a shooting affray here today, and great excitement prevails in this community. The dead: Jeff Chenault, Tony Jones, and Tom Jones. Bad blood is said to have existed between Chenault and Will Harris, a well-known young man, for some time. Today the two met, and after some words Harris killed Chenault. Harris ran to escape the fire of Chenault's brother, but was apprehended by City Marshal Jones, who was close at hand. While the officer was conducting young Harris to jail, he was shot and instantly killed and his prisoner escaped. It is not known who killed Jordan.

CHOWFA AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Nov. 5.—Chowfa Maha Yavira vudh, the crown prince of Siam, and suite, arrived in Pittsburg this morning, and after breakfasting, departed for Homestead on a special train, where the great works of the Carnegie Steel company were inspected. Later, the prince was the guest of Francis J. Torrance, at a luncheon at the Duquesne club. Covers were laid for fifty, and among the local guests were many of the leading manufacturers. At its conclusion, the prince was taken through the Allegheny plant of the Standard Manufacturing company. The prince left for Chicago at 8 o'clock this evening.

DEAD BODIES IN A STUDY

Rev. W. G. Rabe and Augusta Busch Found Gasped in Each Others Arms.

DEATH OCCURRED FROM ASPHYXIATION

It Is Thought That the Pair Had Fallen Asleep and That the Stove Flame Blew Out, the Gas Escaped and That Death Was Accidental. The Woman Had Been a Missionary in Omaha for the Last Five Years.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 5.—Clasped in each other's arms, lying on the floor of the pastor's study in the German Baptist church, were discovered the dead bodies of Rev. W. G. Rabe, pastor, and Augusta Busch, a missionary and assistant to the pastor. Death had been caused by asphyxiation. The room was filled with gas, a jet and a burner of a small stove being partly turned on. The bodies were lying on the floor, the woman's head being pillowed on some cushions. They evidently had lain in that position for several hours. There seems to be little doubt that death was accidental.

It is believed that the pair had fallen asleep, the stove flame blew out and the gas escaped. The bodies were rigid and death evidently occurred during the early hours of the previous evening. The pastor's study is a room of about 10 feet square, and the pastor's study is a room of about 10 feet square. The pastor's study is a room of about 10 feet square. The pastor's study is a room of about 10 feet square.

Gas Slowly Escaping. In the center of the very small study the bodies lay, the heads a few feet from the door. The woman's face was covered with froth and had begun to turn purple. One gas jet above the pastor's table was partly turned off, and it is possible that she met Mr. Rabe on her way home and that the two went to his study in the rear of the church, where the tragedy occurred. They had been good friends, but no stronger feeling was apparent to those who knew them. Mrs. Bernies supposed the dead woman was in her home until Mrs. Schalkou, housekeeper for Mr. Rabe, reported that he had not been at home during the night. Then it was discovered that Miss Busch had not occupied her room and a search was made for them this morning. The janitor went to the pastor's study and found the door locked and the key on the inside, and he detected the escaping gas. Quickly he summoned a police officer and the door was broken open.

STATE SENATORS ELECTED.

Of the 25 Selected, 15 Are Republicans and 10 Are Democrats.

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Of the twenty-five state senators elected yesterday, fifteen are Republicans and ten are Democrats. If Woods and Goehring, elected on the Democratic and Citizens' ticket in Allegheny county are to be included in the Democratic column, twenty-four of the hold-over senators are Republicans and one is a Democrat. Following is the list of new senators: Second District—Henry Gransback, Republican. Fourth District—John T. Harrison, Republican. Sixth District—John M. Scott, Republican. Eighth District—Horatio B. Hackett, Republican. Tenth District—Webster Grim, Democrat. Eleventh District—Alfred B. Roberts, Democrat. Twelfth District—Algermon B. Roberts, Republican. Fourteenth District—J. A. Stober, Republican. Sixteenth District—Arthur G. Dewall, Republican. Eighteenth District—Thomas D. Banner, Democrat. Twentieth District—Patrick F. Galpin, Republican. Twenty-second District—J. G. Zern, Republican. Twenty-fourth District—J. Henry Cochran, Democrat. Twenty-sixth District—Joel G. Hill, Democrat. Twenty-eighth District—Evan R. McCaskey, Republican. Thirtieth District—Daniel J. Thomas, Republican.

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Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Practically complete returns from every county in the state except Allegheny indicate that the incoming house of representatives will be made up of 142 Republicans and 46 Democrats. Allegheny county elected sixteen members. Omitting Philadelphia and Allegheny counties, the following were elected: Philadelphia returned a solid delegation of 39 members. Ararat—Dan. Frank Graft, Frank W. Jackson, Republicans. Beaver—J. F. Mansfield, John T. Taylor, Republicans. Berks—Joseph T. Alsop, Republican; Edmund S. Doty, Democrat. Berks—First district, W. Frank Mohr, James B. Gabriel, Republicans; Second district, Thomas B. Houck, Francis W. Baltzner, Elmer E. Squibb, Democrats. Blair—Lee Plummer, William H. Irwin, Republicans. Bradford—A. M. Bouthett, Thomas Hayes, Republicans; Frank G. Edwards, Hysler J. Zane, Democrat and Union. Cambria—Thomas Davis, Ed. E. Hohmann, Republicans. Cameron—Frank N. Blumie, Democrat. Carbon—Edward T. Brimmer, Republican. Centre—John H. Wetzel, J. W. Koper, Democrats. Chester—Franklin March, Fred H. Coppe, William Wayne, James G. Fox, Republicans. Clinton—John A. F. Hoy, Leslie F. Armer, Democrats. Clinton—Oliver S. Kelsey, Republican. Clearfield—Harry Boulton, Fred R. Scofield, Republicans. Columbia—William T. Cressley, Fred T. Reier, Democrats. Crawford—Clark D. Eckels, L. O. McLean, Fred P. Ray, Republicans. Cumberland—M. M. Dougherty, Robert L. Myers, Democrats. Dauphin—George Kunkel, William H. Fink, Frank Ober, Michael E. Stroup, Republicans. Delaware—Frederick P. Pusey, Ward R. Bliss, Thomas V. Cooper, Republicans. Fayette—Andrew A. Thompson, Republican; Robert M. Carroll, James Keegan, Jr., Democrats. Forest—C. W. Amster, Republican. Franklin—David Macalay, Joseph P. Raubauer, Republicans. Fulton—S. Wesley Kirk, Democrat. Greene—James K. McNeely, Democrat. Huntington—Thomas W. Montgomery, John C. Taylor, Republicans. Indiana—A. F. Cooper, S. J. Smith, Republicans. Jefferson—George R. Vesinder, Republican. Juniata—George B. M. Wiestaupt, Democrat. Lancaster—Timothy D. Hayes, Frederick Phillips, Patrick J. White, Democrats; Edward James, Republican. Lancaster—Frank B. McLean, William H. Treason, John W. Homsher, H. K. Blough, David W. Graybill, Aaron W. Sneider, Republicans. Lawrence—Thomas R. Zerbe, E. Benjamin Blumie, Republicans. Lehigh—Joseph W. Mayne, Jonas E. Moyer, Jeremiah Roth, Democrats. Luzerne—George J. Hartman, George H. Egan, E. Morgan, T. R. Hoffmann, Republicans; Bernard J. Ferry, Edward J. Burke, Democrats. Lycoming—Henry G. Troxell, Louis N. Custer, Henry S. Baker, Democrats. McKean—John V. Campbell, John M. McElroy, Republicans. Mercer—Harry K. Dougherty, W. S. Palmer, Silas Hunter, Republicans. Mifflin—L. W. Webb, Republican. Monroe—J. M. Place, Democrat. Montgomery—Charles A. Ambler, Horace M. Ebert, Josiah N. Landis, John H. Rex, George A. Weida, Republicans. Montour—R. Scott, Ammerman, Democrat. Northampton—Patrick F. Enright, J. S. Hunt, William F. Beck, Democrats. Northumberland—William B. Coulton, Republican; John T. Fisher, Democrat. Perry—Samuel B. Sheller, Jr., Republican. Pike—John D. Houck, Democrat. Potter—Alonzo R. Moore, Republican. Schuylkill—Charles J. Palmer, Alfred B. Garner, Wallace S. Sipler, Wesley P. Crome, Charles A. Snyder, Republicans; Ervin A. Reed, Democrat. Snyder—P. C. Bowers, Republican. Somerset—Lewis C. Lambert, John C. Weller, Republican. Sullivan—Albert L. Dyer, Republican. Susquehanna—Alden C. Barrett, Henry J. Rose, Republicans. Tuscarora—Andrew B. Hitchcock, William E. Champokin, Republicans. Union—George C. Mohr, Republican. Vanango—George McGee, Bryan H. Osborne, Republicans. Warren—L. C. Baker, Republican. Westmoreland—John M. Anderson, John M. Berry, David M. Campsey, Republicans. Wayne—William C. Norton, Republican; Leopold Fuert, Democrat. Westmoreland—George H. Stevens, Charles E. Whitten, Joseph B. Helster, Wyoming—Stanley B. Brunages, Republican; William F. Morrison, Republican. York—Levi M. Meyers, William J. McClellan, Conrad D. Stinner, Ell Z. Strine, Democrats. York—Giles M. Coons, Franklin P. Lomas, Joseph E. Hamilton, Republicans.

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She Receives Injuries While on Board the Black Diamond Express—The Others Hurt.

New York, Nov. 5.—The Black Diamond express of the Lehigh Valley railroad, which left Jersey City, westward bound, at 12:12 p. m. today, was wrecked near the Jersey Meadows shops, east of Newark, about 12:29 p. m., and fifteen people were more or less seriously hurt, according to the police being overthrown. The seriously injured were taken to a hospital. The express ran on a siding and collided with an engine standing there. The train was running at the rate of forty miles an hour on one of the main tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, which is used by the Lehigh Valley from Jersey City to Newark. When just outside Newark city limits, the train suddenly swung onto a siding, where a Pennsylvania engine was standing. The engineer and fireman of the Lehigh Valley engine jumped at the last moment and escaped uninjured. The engineer of the Pennsylvania engine was in the crash and was badly hurt. The whole train of passengers were violently shaken up, but nobody was hurt among the passengers, except those in the overturned coach. The report of the accident to the Lehigh Valley officials said that all of the fifteen passengers hurt were able to resume their journey, except one, who was sent to a hospital. The passenger and the engineer of the Pennsylvania engine were the only persons hurt, according to the railroad company's report. The general superintendent of the Lehigh Valley said that he could not tell whether the siding which ran the train onto the siding was misplaced or out of order. One of the passengers hurt was Mrs. Carrie Nation, of Kansas. Her hand was slightly cut, and she also had her arm badly bruised. Samuel Robinson (colored), of Shelbyville, Ind., was badly bruised, but not dangerously hurt.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: East—Clear, Pennsylvania—Rain Thursday; Friday fair and cooler; brisk south winds becoming west.