

GOOD EVIDENCE FOR THE OPPOSITION

Miners' Witnesses Led by Cross-Examinations Make Statements Favorable to Operators' Side.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL AGAIN ON THE STAND

Somewhat Animated Discussion Between the Miners' Leader and Attorney Torrey Over the Position of the Companies Regarding the Adjustment of Grievances—Miners Will Conclude Their Case Monday and Operators Will Start in Immediately Thereafter—One Attorney Will Make the Opening Statement for All the Respondents.

If the operators have anything better to offer to the mine strike commission than some of the testimony adduced yesterday by cross-examination of miners' witnesses they will make out a very strong case.

One of the injustices of which the miners complain, and about which they have produced no end of testimony, is that they do not receive any pay for coal lost off a car in its trip from the breaker to the engine.

Another witness who took the stand to make general complaint against the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, served as a means of very interesting testimony to the miners' claim that stockage runs up as high as twelve per cent. On cross-examination it was shown that the dockage was only nine-tenths of one per cent.

Place Had to Be Filled. A dozen witnesses were put on to show that the companies are not living up to their submission agreement that they would not discriminate against union men in taking back old employees.

The general manager of one of the big coal companies is authority for the statement that the hearings will not be again interrupted by negotiations for amicable adjustment. It is not only very likely, but extremely probable that the questions in dispute during the strike, which were submitted to the commission will be settled amicably, but the settlement will not come until after the operators have presented their case.

Will Conclude Monday. The miners will conclude their direct testimony Monday. The operators will immediately open their side of the case. Conferences of counsel for the respondents are being held daily to arrange a plan of campaign. It has been agreed that some one attorney shall make an opening statement for all the companies, individual operators and non-union men. Attorney Wolvort, of the Philadelphia and Reading com-

DEWEY MAY CALL AT LA GUAIRA

Strongest Fleet of American Warships Ever Assembled in Close Range of Venezuela.

FIVE BATTLESHIPS, FIFTEEN CRUISERS

This Is Dewey's First Sea Service Since He Returned from Manila. No Sympathy for Castro at Washington—A Marplot in International Affairs and a Bully in His Own Country—Has Insulted the United States Ministers as Well as the Representatives of Other Countries.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The fact that the strongest fleet of American warships ever assembled in a day's sail of the Venezuelan coast, with Admiral Dewey in command, is to the administration the safest guarantee of continued peace and of an avoidance of complications likely to embroil the United States in the dispute between Germany and Great Britain and Venezuela. This is Dewey's first sea service since he returned from Manila. He is the admiral of the navy and he has the confidence of President Roosevelt.

Dewey has with him five battleships and three cruisers. The battleships are the Texas and the cruiser Toledo left the Portsmouth navy yard hurriedly on Wednesday night to join his fleet. If England and Germany have a mind to go beyond a peaceful blockade of La Guaira or to undertake anything which even distantly challenges the Monroe doctrine, they will certainly pause in the presence of an American fighting force. Nobody in Washington believes that they have anything of the kind in mind.

At the White House, the state department and the navy department, there is not the slightest sign of apprehension in regard to the developments in Venezuela. The administration has serene confidence in the intentions of England and Germany. They have even distantly challenged the Monroe doctrine, but they will not go beyond the legitimate punishment of President Castro, for his defiance of international obligations, but there is the further assurance of the nearness of Dewey's fleet.

CUBAN TREATY IS SIGNED

Notice Received by the State Department Regarding the Action.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Treaty signed this night, was the message which came to the state department today from General Bliss at Havana, confirming the press report of the conclusion of a reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Cuba. The officials here are puzzled to know what the treaty signifies. They thought that a protocol or a preliminary message carried the inference that he has actually concluded a definite reciprocity treaty. If he has done so, the president will accept it and forward it to the senate for its ratification. The offices of Minister Quesada here will not be required to give effect to the convention.

THE BICYCLE RACE

Only Eight Teams Now Remain on Track at Madison Square.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 12.—The bicycle race at Madison Square, which was held last night, was a very interesting one. The race was won by the team of Tommie and Harry, who were riding for the team of Tommie and Harry.

Tea at the White House.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Roosevelt received Washington society this afternoon at tea in the white house. It was the first large social function of the winter season at the white house and was attended by several hundred members of resident and official society. The receiving party consisted of the ladies of the cabinet and the Misses Hitchcock, Mrs. Cortelyou, Mrs. Hingham, Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Leah, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Rixey and Miss Hagan.

BENCH WARRANT ISSUED

Detective Shafer Authorized to Look for Van Buskirk of Stroudsburg.

ALLIES ASKED TO ARBITRATE

Washington Authorities Transmit Castro's Request—But Little Hope of Success.

HOUSE MAY DESIRE AN INVESTIGATION

Bill Introduced Asking Secretary of State for Particulars—Destruction of Venezuelan Government Vessels Is Discourteously at London. Foreign Office, While Not Officially Informed, Declares That It Is Not Ready to Accept Arbitration Proposal—Warlike Preparations Continue.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY AT THE WALDORF

Distinguished Sons of the Keystone State at Their Fourth Annual Dinner.

THE HOUSE CONSIDERS PENSION BILLS

One Hundred and Seventy-three Are Passed—Bill to Secure Cattle Disease Appropriation.

ATTEMPT AT NON-SUIT IN THE IRVINE CASE

Judge Bailey Decides to Hear Both Sides—Some Interesting Testimony Introduced.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Washington, Dec. 12.—Edward and Olive Tompkins, colored, four and two years old respectively, were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed a small house in Hillsdale, a suburb of this city. The children were alone in the house at the time and the cause of the fire is not known. Ross Free, a cousin of the children, with whom they were in charge was placed under arrest.

NICHOLS A CANDIDATE

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—The list of candidates for the national office of the Mine Workers' organization was issued from the headquarters today. It is disclosed that T. D. Nichols, president of the largest mine district, is in the race against Tom Lewis, of Ohio, for vice president. Preparations are being made at the national headquarters for the national wage conference beginning here Jan. 15.

Frank Lewis Hanged

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harlan, Ky., Dec. 12.—Frank Lewis was hanged today in the presence of 5,000 people, for the murder of Henry Dixon, a coal miner, who was killed by Lewis about three years ago and married Miss Dixon. The men had quarreled over the separation of Lewis and his wife, the latter being Dixon's daughter.

STEARNSHIP ARRIVALS

New York, Dec. 12.—Cleared: Steamers Umbria, Liverpool; Kronprinz Wilhelm, Plymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen; Rotterdam, Rotterdam via Boulogne; Philadelphia, Philadelphia via New York.

STERLING COLLIERY PUMPED OUT

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Dec. 12.—The Sterling colliery, owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company was pumped free of water today and will resume operations next Monday, giving work to four hundred men and boys. The operation was flooded after the engineers and workmen joined in the recent mine workers' strike.

DEATHS OF A DAY

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Belkfonte, Pa., Dec. 12.—William C. Gray, an attorney and a well-known Republican politician with a wide acquaintance among the leading politicians of the state, died here tonight after ten days' illness with typhoid fever. He was 60 years old.

WEATHER FORECAST

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Belkfonte, Pa., Dec. 12.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: + Eastern Pennsylvania Rain or snow Saturday; fresh to brisk + northeast winds; Sunday probably fair.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Local data for Dec. 12, 1902: Highest temperature, 30 degrees; lowest temperature, 20 degrees; relative humidity, 75 per cent; wind, S. by E., 5 to 10 m.p.h.; precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., trace.