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## THOUSANDS GO OUT

Anthracite Miners Strike on  
Mitchell's Order.

## SOME PLANTS WILL TRY TO OPERATE

One Hundred and Sixty Thousand  
Men Idle as Result of Great In-  
crease in the Wilkes-  
Barre District.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 2.—One  
hundred and sixty thousand mine  
workers of the anthracite region, com-  
prising miners, laborers, company  
hands and breaker boys, are on strike  
in this district in obedience to the sus-  
pension order issued by Mr. Mitchell  
and their district presidents.

The union officials say that all of  
these men will remain away from the  
collieries and that not a ton of coal  
will be mined. The local unions have  
appointed committees of pickets, who  
line the roads to the collieries to per-  
suade any who might desire to go to  
work to change their minds.

The operators state that the whole  
situation was up to the miners. Some  
of the companies have posted notices  
declaring that work will continue in  
their mines. Others, whose rules are  
to put up notices only when work is to  
be discontinued, have posted none.

Men who report for work will be  
paid whether the colliery is able to  
work or not. The operators say that  
they are acting fairly and squarely to  
the public, that they want to mine coal  
and will do so under the present agree-  
ment and that it is impossible to grant  
the average 83 per cent demanded by  
the mine workers unless they raise the  
price of coal \$1.20 to meet the increased  
labor cost.

It is also the policy of the operators  
not to irritate the mine workers if they  
strike by employing nonunion workers,  
and they are not employing armed  
guards to flank their arms in the faces  
of the strikers as they did in 1902.

They expect the mine workers to re-  
sist that preventing the mine pumps  
from working means that they are  
hurting themselves more than they are  
hurting the operators. If they do not  
prevent the mines from becoming  
flooded they will be unable to work  
them for a long time after the strike  
ends. If they stop the pumps, then  
they must bear the consequences.

At meetings of the local union the  
men declared their determination to  
remain on strike until they received  
further orders from President Mitchell.  
The executive committee of the op-  
erators of the southwestern district  
has sent the following telegram to  
President Roosevelt:

"The operators of the Southwestern  
Interstate Coal Operators' association,  
embracing Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas,  
Texas and Indian Territory, realizing  
the gravity of the crisis caused by the  
failure of themselves and the miners  
to agree on a wage scale and condi-  
tions of labor in that field, wish to  
submit all questions at issue to arbi-  
tration before a commission to be ap-  
pointed by the president of the United  
States."

The anthracite mine operators' com-  
mittee will meet the miners' commit-  
tee in New York tomorrow, and a fur-  
ther conference on the wage scale will  
be held. Pending the outcome of this  
meeting the anthracite miners have  
been called out and will not return to  
work until an adjustment of their de-  
mands has been brought about.

It is announced from Johnstown, Pa.,  
that a thousand or more union miners  
will make a demonstration at the  
mines of the Berwind-White Coal com-  
pany at Windber today in an effort to  
get the nonunion miners to come into  
the organization. The demonstration  
is to consist of a parade, but no trou-  
ble is expected.

In the Pittsburg district, while the  
scale agreement has expired, there has  
been no steps taken that will indicate  
a general suspension of work. Today  
is a holiday, being Mitchell day, the  
anniversary of the granting of the eight  
hour day to the miners, and all mines  
are closed. Tomorrow, however, mat-  
ters are expected to reach a climax.

The district convention scale com-  
mittee will have in readiness the new  
scale, and then it is expected that most  
of the operators will sign.

It is expected that among the first  
of the signers will be Francis L. Rob-  
bins, chairman of the Pittsburg Coal  
company, who has been the leader of  
the operators in granting the advance.

## Nearly Every Mine Is Idle.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 2.—At  
midnight work ceased in nearly every  
mine in Indiana. District President  
William O'Connor of the mine  
workers announced that already sev-  
eral companies had expressed their  
willingness to sign the 1903 scale.  
President O'Connor of the operators  
stated that the mines willing to sign  
were all small concerns and not mem-  
bers of the operators' association.  
There is no indication of trouble of a  
serious nature, but both sides express  
a determination to stand firm.

## Dubois Miners Quit.

DUBOIS, Pa., April 2.—The bitu-  
minous miners employed at all the work-  
ings in this vicinity at a meeting here  
were unanimous in their acceptance of  
the order issued by President Patrick  
Giddy of district No. 2 that, with the  
exception of pumpmen, engineers and  
firemen, all employees about the mines  
of the district should do no more work  
until the issues of the district joint  
convention to be held at Clearfield be-  
ginning tomorrow are settled.

## No Response to the Whistle.

SCHANTON, Pa., April 2.—The whis-  
tles at all the mines in this valley were

blown at the usual hour as a matter  
of form. There was practically no re-  
sponse to them on the part of the mine  
workers. It is expected that all classes  
of employees except firemen, engi-  
neers and pump runners, who are not  
affected by the order, will quit until  
ordered back by the union.

Westmoreland Miners Get Increase.  
GREENSBURG, Pa., April 2.—The  
Keystone Coal and Coke company, op-  
erating fifteen mines in Westmoreland  
county, has granted the miners an ad-  
vance of 5 per cent. The order issued  
will go into effect this morning by or-  
der of President E. M. Gross.

West Virginia Miners at Work.  
FAIRMONT, W. Va., April 2.—All of  
the miners of the Fairmont soft coal  
region are at work as usual. The men  
are looking forward to an increased  
output as the result of the trouble in  
other fields.

Coal Goes Up In Mexico.  
CITY OF MEXICO, April 2.—The  
strike of the anthracite coal miners in  
the United States, it is anticipated,  
will result in raising the price of coal  
among all dealers here whether they  
are handling native or imported coal.

## RUSSIAN ELECTIONS ON.

Bomb Throwing and Disorder Look-  
ed For at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—Today  
the city of St. Petersburg is choosing  
electors to the municipal congress,  
which in turn will elect six members  
to the national parliament. The banks  
are closed and business is suspended  
in order to give voters an opportunity  
to cast their ballots.

It is said that the revolutionists in-  
tend to create disorders and throw  
bombs in the polling places with the  
purpose of discrediting the elections,  
but so far nothing of the sort has taken  
place.

The close of the campaign was mark-  
ed by great activity and considerable  
excitement, but these did not compare  
with the scenes at American political  
meetings. Speeches were prohibited,  
but hundreds of thousands of citizens  
were mailed to voters, and the Consti-  
tutional Democrats employed the ex-  
pedient of dispatching their reading  
matter by messengers in order that it  
would be sure to reach the persons to  
whom it was sent. The newspapers are  
filled with appeals to the voters.

The strength of the Constitutional  
Democrats has compelled the Moder-  
ates and Conservatives to pool issues,  
and the Octoberists and Progressive  
Economists and the Law and Order  
and Trade and Industries parties have  
put in the field a "block" ticket. Nev-  
ertheless the Constitutional Democrats  
claim a certain and sweeping victory,  
and the indications are that they will  
carry the day.

The Emperor and the Liberty and  
Integrity of Russia party, a so called  
party of democratic reforms, has  
thrown in its lot with the Constitution-  
al Democrats. The reactionaries, re-  
sisting that it is too dangerous to be  
divided in strength, have not placed a  
ticket in the field and will vote for the  
"block."

The Novoe Vremya viciously attacks  
the parliamentary candidates of the  
Constitutional Democrats, characteriz-  
ing them as "renegades," "Jews" and  
"Poles."

The polls were opened at 9 a. m. and  
will remain open until 9 p. m.  
Father Gapon in a letter to the pro-  
secutor says he is only living in St.  
Petersburg by tolerance and demands  
to be put on trial in order to defend  
his honor and legalize his status or, if  
guilty, to be condemned.

## Police Officers in Disgrace.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 2.—Mrs.  
Ruffner, who was shot three times by  
her husband, Attorney J. A. C. Ruff-  
ner, at their home here, it is now be-  
lieved will recover. One bullet entered  
the neck below the right ear, barely  
missing the jugular vein. Ruffner now  
is in prison. Police Officer Robert  
Thompson and Frederick Denn, a mem-  
ber of the state constabulary, who  
were in the Ruffner house when the  
shooting occurred, have been suspend-  
ed pending an investigation.

## Strike Stops Rutland's Rebuilding.

RUTLAND, Vt., April 2.—The work  
of rebuilding the six large business  
blocks which were destroyed by fire  
will be handicapped by a strike of 100  
union carpenters. The union demand-  
ed an increase in wages from \$2.25 to  
\$2.75 a day for a nine hour day. The  
union officials have received notice that  
the builders positively refused to grant  
the demand.

## Running Arms For Carlisle.

BARCELONA, April 2.—The gunboat  
Pluton is cruising off Barcelona in or-  
der to prevent arms and ammunition  
reaching the Carlisle. There have been  
numerous seizures of rifles at Moni-  
lost, twenty-seven miles northwest of  
Barcelona.

## Riots and Plague in Persia.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—The  
Russian consul at Siest, Persia, re-  
ports that in consequence of the riots  
there quarantine regulations are no  
longer enforced and that the plague is  
increasing and spreading northward.

## Oregon Lost a Boat.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—The bat-  
tleship Oregon arrived here last night  
from Manila, via Honolulu. Entering  
this port, the Oregon encountered a se-  
vere northwestern gale, in which she  
lost her port quarter boat.

## Strike to Stop Government Loan.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, April 2.—  
The revolutionists here have an-  
nounced their intention to declare a  
general strike in order to prevent the  
government from contracting a new  
loan.

## MRS. STORER TALKS

Former Ambassador's Wife  
Interviewed at Vienna.

DENIES ABUSING PRESIDENT'S TRUST  
Letter From Roosevelt When Gov-  
ernor of New York Was to Be Used  
to Convince Vatican of Amer-  
ica's Friendly Attitude.

VIENNA, April 2.—Mrs. Bellamy Storer,  
wife of the retiring American am-  
bassador, has reconsidered her decision  
to maintain complete silence in regard  
to the controversy aroused over her  
husband's recall. If the course of an  
interview she said:

"After consultation and following  
the advice of many of our friends, par-  
ticularly that of the Marquis de Rever-  
seaux, the French ambassador, I have  
decided to formally deny that I ever  
abused a letter of President Roosevelt,  
as has been asserted. The president  
has never written me on the subject of  
Archbishop Ireland except in a letter  
last December upon another subject.  
Mr. Roosevelt when governor of New  
York wrote me a letter in 1900, to  
which the report presumably alludes.

This letter was written to me so that I  
might show it to Cardinal Rampolla,  
then papal secretary of state, in order  
to convince the Vatican of the friendly  
attitude of prominent Americans to-  
ward Archbishop Ireland's policy. It  
was all done to help our government in  
its relations with the Philippines. I  
sent Cardinal Rampolla a copy of only  
half of the letter because the other half  
was purely personal. That is all I wish  
to say about the matter. Neither my  
husband nor myself is going to indulge  
in recriminations against the president.  
We will wait and see what the authori-  
ties at Washington think right to pub-  
lish about the matter. If they publish  
their reasons for the recall of Mr. Storer  
we have many proofs of the right  
being on our side."

The letter of Mr. Roosevelt, who was  
then governor of the state of New  
York, which was dated in 1900, is as  
follows:

"I have just received your letter. I  
need not say what a pleasure it would  
be for me to do anything for Arch-  
bishop Ireland. You know how high a  
regard I have always felt for him. He  
represents the type of Catholicism  
which in my opinion must prevail in  
the United States if the Catholic  
church is to attain its full measure of  
power and usefulness for our people  
and our form of government."

"I absolutely agree with what Judge  
Taft says to you in his letter of March  
20 with relation to that part of the  
problem which affects the Philippines,  
but the problem as a whole affects the  
United States as a whole. A reaction-  
ary or in any way anti-American spirit  
in ecclesiastical affairs would in Amer-  
ica in the long run result in disaster  
just as certainly as a similar course in  
political affairs. I may add that the  
bigoted opponents of Catholicism are  
those most anxious to see triumph  
within the ranks of Catholicism this  
reactionary spirit and the throwing out  
of men who have shown broad liberal-  
ism and Americanism in their policy."

Of course I do not feel justified in in-  
terfering in any way, directly or indi-  
rectly, in the matter at the Vatican,  
but it is only fair in response to your  
letter that I should write you fully  
and frankly of my great appreciation  
of Archbishop Ireland and of my firm  
conviction that the real future of the  
Catholic church in America rests with  
those who in the main work along his  
lines."

## Morrisania Roundhouse Destroyed.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The Morris-  
ania roundhouse and paint shop in the  
yards of the New York Central and  
New York, New Haven and Hartford  
railroads were destroyed by fire. Four  
locomotives were badly damaged. It  
is supposed that spontaneous combustion  
in the inflammable contents of the  
paint house started the blaze,  
which was not extinguished until it  
had done damage estimated at \$50,000.

## Murder at Crop Shooting.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 2.—In a  
quarrel over a game of crops Steve  
Green was shot dead by John Waters,  
Jr. With a number of other negroes  
they were playing in a stable. When  
the dispute arose both men pulled re-  
volvers. They were apparently pacified,  
and Green had started to walk  
away when Waters shot him in the  
side. He died in a few minutes. Waters  
escaped in the excitement.

## Governor of Porto Rico at New York.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Among the  
passengers who arrived here on the  
steamship Comoro, from San Juan, was  
Beekman Winthrop, governor of Porto  
Rico, who has been summoned to  
Washington to appear before the house  
committee on insular affairs in relation  
to Porto Rican questions.

## Barron's Body Ground to Pieces.

TAMAQUA, Pa., April 2.—Thomas  
Arner, aged sixty years, and William  
Barron, aged twenty-eight years, while  
walking on the Reading tracks near  
here were struck by a fast freight  
train, and both were instantly killed.  
The greater part of Barron's body was  
ground to pieces.

## "Money to Burn."

PITTSBURG, April 2.—A laborer  
here had \$700, his life savings, under  
a carpet in his sister's home. She  
cleaned house Saturday and burned  
the money along with papers and other  
rubbish.

## St. Louis Woman Killed.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., April 2.—  
Mrs. Stein of St. Louis, injured in an  
automobile accident here, died at the hos-  
pital last night.

## BELMONT WON OXNARD STAKES

Attractive Sporting Event at Ben-  
ning Went to Okenite.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—At Ben-  
ning track a large crowd saw the  
running of the Oxnard stakes, for  
two-year-olds, at four and a half  
furlongs; a steeplechase and four other  
races.

The Oxnard stakes, the attraction,  
was purely a sporting affair, being at  
\$25 each, with \$1,000 added, the owner  
of the winner to pay for a dinner at  
the Shoreham hotel. August Belmont,  
chairman of the Jockey club, paid for  
the dinner, as his gelding, Okenite, by  
Hastings-Okenite, won easily.

A field of eleven youngsters answered  
the bugle call, with Okenite an even  
money favorite on the strength of a  
fast work for the race. Donna Elvera  
and Lady Vera were the best played  
of the others. Okenite, which showed  
quality and seems to have the making  
of a good youngster, had no difficulty  
in winning. He was away next to last  
when the barrier went up, but when  
the stretch was reached had caught  
the leaders, Mailla and Merry Lassie.  
Once with the pacemakers the race  
was never in doubt, as Okenite drew  
away and galloping by five  
lengths. Mailla second, half a  
length before Lady Vera.

August Belmont also lauded a purse  
with Lackey in the fifth race, as he  
led all the way and won easily. Lackey  
closed a slight favorite over Ben Hod-  
der, which was left at the post. Rod-  
fern, his rider, was hissed by the crowd  
when he returned to the judges' stand.  
The steeplechase was only a gallop  
for the 5 to 1 chance, Kassil, which  
ran third to the far turn, then went  
to the front and won in a canter. Tom  
Cogan, the odds on favorite, fell at the  
first jump, while Lexy also fell.

The opening race went to the 8 to 1  
chance, Winchester, which took the  
lead at the end of half a mile and won  
in a drive by a length from Jack Mc-  
Keon. The biggest surprise of the day  
came in the third race, which was won  
by Nutwood, which was quoted all the  
way from 50 to 1 to 100 to 1 in the bet-  
ting. After a pretty race he won by a  
nose from Monte Carlo, which beat  
Canon B. a short head. Father Bill  
Daly won his first race of the meeting  
with Warring in the closing event.  
Warning led by five lengths all the  
way and won by that margin.

## Lipton Will Challenge For 1907.

LONDON, April 2.—Sir Thomas Lipton  
has instructed Alfred Mylne of  
Glasgow to begin immediately on a de-  
sign for a yacht which will challenge  
for the America's cup in 1907. The  
selection of Mylne is a decided snub  
to both Fife and Watson. It is known  
beyond any question that Lipton was  
more dissatisfied with Shamrock III.  
than he was with either of the pre-  
vious challengers.

## Giants Defeat Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 2.—The  
New York Nationals defeated the  
Louisville American association team  
here by a score of 7 to 3. Both teams  
hit poorly, but fielded well.

## France Should Be Well Satisfied.

LONDON, April 2.—The London  
newspapers in their editorial articles  
this morning welcome the settlement  
of the points in controversy between  
France and Germany over Morocco as  
removing the anarchical conditions in  
Morocco, which have constituted a con-  
stant menace to the peace of Europe.  
They consider that, although France  
may be disappointed in her aspirations  
for "pacific penetration," she has ac-  
quired all her immediate and solid in-  
terests in Morocco, besides establishing  
on a firmer basis than ever her prestige  
in Europe, and that therefore she has  
no reason to be dissatisfied with the  
results of the conference.

## Fighting For Patrick's Life.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The fight to  
save the life of Albert T. Patrick, un-  
der sentence of death for the murder  
of the aged Texas millionaire, William  
M. Rice, will be resumed here tomor-  
row before Recorder Goff on the mo-  
tion for a new trial. Interesting testi-  
mony will be given by a number of  
pathologists as to the similarity in the  
effects on human lungs of chloroform  
and embalming fluid, and new wit-  
nesses from Texas are expected.

## Kaiser Honors Von Bulow.

BERLIN, April 2.—Emperor William  
has appointed Prince von Bulow, the  
imperial chancellor, a member of the  
Prussian house of lords. This is the  
latest indication of the favor in which  
the German chancellor is held by the  
kaiser, who, after the downfall last  
year of M. Delcasse, the French min-  
ister of foreign affairs, made the count  
a prince.

## Woman Lost \$500 Overboard.

NEW YORK, April 2.—While the  
Ward line steamer Santiago, from Nas-  
sau, was at anchor off quarantine sta-  
tion yesterday Mrs. J. J. Connelly, a  
saloon passenger, was twirling a hand-  
bag about her finger when it suddenly  
slipped off and fell overboard. A boat  
was promptly lowered, but the hand-  
bag was not recovered. It was said  
to have contained \$500.

## Whitridge a Special Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President  
Roosevelt has announced the appoint-  
ment of Frederick W. Whitridge of  
New York as special ambassador to  
represent the United States at the  
wedding of the king of Spain. Mr.  
Whitridge is a lawyer of New York,  
where he has lived for nearly twenty-  
five years. He has accepted the ap-  
pointment.

## Viques President of Costa Rica.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 2.—  
Licenciado Coto Gonzalez Viques, for-  
merly minister of finance, was elected  
president of the republic of Costa Rica.

## WOULD DOWN CASTRO

Reported Filibustering Expe-  
dition to Attack Venezuela.

## PRESENT RULER TO BE EXPELLED

New York Men Said to Be Planning  
Downfall of President's Regime  
and Opening of Country to  
American Enterprise.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A special  
dispatch from New York says that ar-  
rangements are being perfected there  
and in Paris and London for a revolu-  
tion in Venezuela which will annihilate  
President Castro's regime and open up  
that country to American capital and  
enterprise.

A number of rich New York mer-  
chants are said to be interested in the  
movement which, the promoters say,  
will involve the employment of 15,000  
soldiers and the expenditure of \$5,000,  
000 in the campaign. President Castro,  
if the plans do not go astray, is to be  
either expelled or destroyed, and a na-  
tive Venezuelan statesman is to be in-  
stalled as his successor.

In this connection it is said that Cas-  
tro, anticipating a successful revolu-  
tion against him sooner or later, has  
converted some of his alleged \$40,000,  
000 fortune into cash and has sent it to  
America and France. It is said there  
is now \$3,000,000 in New York banks  
and \$2,500,000 in Paris deposited to his  
personal credit.

Carlos B. Figueredo, Venezuelan con-  
sul in New York, is reported to have  
said that he had heard such an expedi-  
tion was being organized or prom-  
ised, but had been unable to learn any-  
thing definite about it. He said he  
had understood shares in the scheme  
were being sold.

"I would like to get hold of one of  
those shares," he said. "I will buy  
all that are offered."  
The consul inquired eagerly as to the  
point the expedition was to sail from.  
The expedition, it is said, is to set  
out shortly from Europe in three  
steamships, which are already under  
contract. They are to carry about  
5,000 volunteers fully armed with  
Mauser rifles of the latest pattern.  
They will also have eight rapid fire  
field guns.

## WASHINGTON AND HIS WORK.

Bishop Doane of Albany Opens Ten-  
kegee Celebration.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., April 2.—The cele-  
bration of the twenty-fifth anniversary  
of the founding of the Tuskegee Nor-  
mal and industrial institute has open-  
ed here. Right Rev. William Crowell  
Doane, bishop of Albany, N. Y., pre-  
sided at the anniversary sermon in the col-  
lege chapel, a large crowd attending.

Prominent speakers from different  
parts of the United States will be pre-  
sent tomorrow, the anniversary of the  
institution's founding.  
Bishop Doane preached a strong ser-  
mon, the keynote of which was "The  
Hope of the Negro Is In the Negro  
Himself." He urged the educated ne-  
gro to live among and uplift the il-  
literate and ignorant of his race, stat-  
ing that the educated negro had a re-  
sponsibility far greater than many of  
them ever realized. He paid a high  
tribute to Dr. Washington and his  
work.

## Ohio Assembly Adjourns to 1908.

COLUMBUS, O., April 2.—The Ohio  
general assembly has adjourned until  
1908, the terms of the members having  
been extended as a result of the bi-  
ennial election amendment to three years.  
The present general assembly, backed  
by the reform sentiment which swept  
away party lines in the last election,  
has enacted many reform measures.  
Among these are the laws providing  
for two cent passenger fares, creating  
a state railroad commission and pro-  
viding for the regulation of freight  
rates.

## Murder With a Fence Rail.

BANLEY, Ga., April 2.—Reports  
have just reached here of the killing  
of J. G. Sapp by his half brother, John  
Miles, a well known turpentine oper-  
ator. Sapp and Miles had some trou-  
ble about renting a house and be-  
came involved in a dispute over the  
matter. It is said Sapp drew his