

PRESIDENT OF MINE ON THE STAND

LITTLE INFORMATION GIVEN.

J. L. Crawford Refused to Answer What Were Considered Most Important Questions.

The representatives of the miners during the course of proceedings before the strike commission at Scranton, Pa., called one of the independent operators, J. L. Crawford, president of the Peoples Coal Company, to the witness stand, but he refused to answer what were considered the most important questions.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Representative Dalzell introduced Pittsburg & Lake Erie ship canal bill in Congress. The Anti-Saloon League adopted resolutions declaring against the repeal of the anti-liquor law and pledging its efforts to continue the law.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

LVII. CONGRESS.

Immigration Bill.

The Senate Tuesday adopted an amendment to the National Guard bill designed to prevent controversies as to when a man becomes a United States soldier.

Holiday Adjournment.

The House Tuesday passed the resolution for a holiday adjournment from December 20 to January 5.

Refund War Taxes.

The Senate Wednesday took up the bill passed by the House at the last session to admit Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as States.

Tax Duties Remitted.

The House Wednesday passed the bill to remit the duties on tea bonded warehouses prior to January 1, 1903.

Strike Arbitration.

After brief discussion in the Senate Thursday the bill to admit New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma as States was passed over until Monday.

Contested Elections.

In the House Thursday Mr. Olmsted, Pennsylvania, called up the resolution from elections committee No. 2, limiting to 40 days the time for taking testimony in the contested election case of Wagner against Butler.

Three Appropriation Bills.

The House Friday passed 173 private pension bills. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$26,930,453, was reported from committee.

NEW \$2,000,000 COKE COMPANY.

Organized at Syracuse, N. Y., to Compete with Frick Company. F. R. Hazard, president of the Solvay Process Company, has organized a company at Syracuse, N. Y., with a capital stock of \$2,000,000.

Zero Weather.

New York and New England Tuesday experienced the coldest weather of many years. In New York city it was the coldest December 2 in 26 years.

Oliver Mine Still Burns.

The underground workings of the section 16 mine of the Oliver Mining Company, at Ishpeming, Mich., which took fire December 8, is still burning.

Bank Robbers Took \$30,000.

The bank at Hillsboro, Sierra county, New Mexico, was held up in broad daylight and robbed of \$30,000.

MARINES LANDED IN VENEZUELA.

CASTRO'S NAVY DESTROYED.

Hostile Anglo-German Fleet Moves on Laguayra to Enforce Payment of Claims.

The combined Anglo-German fleet entered the harbor of Laguayra Wednesday, December 10, and anchored within 300 feet of the custom house and began landing marines. Ten German and four British cutters at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon seized the harbor of Laguayra.

Tenders His Resignation.

Phillip W. Moen, second vice president of the American Steel and Wire Company, has resigned and will retire from business.

CHANGE INAUGURAL DATE.

April 30 Fixed in Resolution Introduced in Congress. A joint resolution was introduced in the House by Representative De Armond, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States.

SCHOOL CADETS DISMISSED.

Military Institute Boys Sent Home and 40 Others Under Arrest. For indulging in disorderly conduct members of the third class at the Lexington (Va.) Military Institute were dismissed from the school.

Four Killed by Dynamite.

Four men were killed and 10 injured, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a box of dynamite in No. 5 mine of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, at South Wilkes-Barre.

A \$500,000 Fire at Atlanta.

Fire at Atlanta, Ga., burned out the stores of the Snook & Austin Furniture Company, the Jacobs Drug Company, P. M. Rose's liquor store, the Williams hotel and the Norcross building. The loss was \$500,000.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Four Philadelphia public schools were forced to close for want of coal. Galusha A. Grow made what is called his farewell speech in Congress.

The government tariff bill passed second reading in the German Reichstag. Great Britain disclaimed responsibility for seizure of Venezuelan ships.

The town of Ventura, near Masor City, La., was wiped out by fire. Loss \$50,000. A newsboy was choked to death by an unknown person in Central park New York.

A white man was killed by a negro and lynched was threatened near St. Louis. Claude O'Brien was sentenced to death at Lexington, Ky., for the murder of A. B. Chinn.

Mrs. Dora Lightner told on witness stand at Toledo, O., how she killed Lenny Wheeler. President Roosevelt will attend the dedication exercises of the St. Louis exposition next April.

British and German residents at Puerto Cabello have been arrested by Venezuelan government. The annual meeting of the American Coal Company will be held in New York December 26.

Fire destroyed the Fostoria (O.) Glass Specialty Company's plant. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$17,000. Senator Tillman in the Senate maintained that Pennsylvania coal barons violate constitution with impunity.

George Feever was roasted to death at Bird Island, Minn., by his foot catching in the doorway of a burning house. Congressman Burton's opposition to Bromwell's Ohio river survey reorganization is reported to have effectually pieced-holed it.

Dr. Ellis Duncan assailed of Bruce Head was reinstated by Louisville, Ky., authorities as superintendent of City hospital. The American Tin Plate Company has decided to remove the bar mill division of the great Elwood (Ind.) plant to Pennsylvania.

The catch of the American Fisheries Company this year is reported to have been 1,375,786 barrels against 867,210 barrels last year. The first collision between the striding dockmen and police at Mar seilles, France, resulted in the injury of several on each side.

George W. Prescott, first president of the Union Iron works, was found dead at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, Cal., from heart failure. The New York Central will pay the New York & Harlem railroad a dividend of 5 per cent on January 2 to holders of record December 15.

The president has withdrawn from consideration by the senate at the request of the Dominican authorities. Governor Yates' secretary, in commenting on the answer of Governor Stone on the stock quarantine, said Governor Stone was not ruling ill nor.

President of the Manufacturers Association told the Civic Federation that there are not enough men in the country to work three shifts of eight hours. Mr. Carnegie upon his arrival in New York, said President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox were taking the right line in dealing with trusts.

Plans for a combination of the larger toy factories of the country are almost completed. The combination will have about \$2,000,000 capital. Bishop Talbot and leading women member of St. John's Episcopal church of Huntington were defendants in suit for heavy damages by deposed rector.

James B. Hawley, acquitted of the charge of killing his brother at Detroit on the ground of self-defense. The brothers were prominent longshoremen and wreckers. Edward and Oliver Tompkins, negroes, 4 and 2 years old, at Washington, were burned to death. Ross Prue, with whom they were left in charge, was placed under arrest.

Unless relief shall be secured soon packing house managers at Omaha, Neb., assert that they will have to close their plants for want of coal. After undergoing repairs in the Remerton navy yard the battleship Wisconsin, recently returned from Panama, will follow the Oregon to the Asiatic station.

Hugh C. Baldwin, at Plainfield, N. J., is trying to break the will of his mother, Mrs. A. C. Baldwin, who died a month ago. The estate is valued at \$200,000. Among the nominations sent to the senate by the president was that of Leonard M. Thomas, of Pennsylvania to second secretary of the embassy at Rome.

Before the Mine Workers' convention, at Indianapolis, Ind., L. D. Nichols, president of the largest anthracite district, will run against Tom Lewis, of Ohio, for vice president. First of 65 Carnegie libraries was dedicated in New York Saturday.

State capitol commission of Pennsylvania closed contract with George Gray Barnard, sculptor, for marble decorations for interior of new capitol. General Kritschinger and Commandants Joubert and Fouché, formerly of the Boer army, were among the passengers on the Atlantic Transport liner Maand, which arrived in New York.

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad granted the request of General Manager J. B. Hutchinson to be relieved of the duties of that position, the change to take effect January 1, 1903. Dr. C. O. Probst, of Columbus, O., was elected president of the American Public Health Association at New Orleans, La.

GEN. LEE RELATES SECRET HISTORY.

SPANISH BLEW UP MAINE.

Tells How He Nearly Killed General Funston While He Was Consul General in Cuba.

General Fitzhugh Lee, former Consul General at Havana, Cuba, addressed the members of the Patriotic Club at New York on "The United States and Cuba." He said in part: Cuba is well worthy of the attention of the American people. It is the richest spot on God's green earth.

BEAUTIFUL LIFE FINISHED.

Mrs. U. S. Grant Died at Washington of Heart Trouble.

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STORE ORDER ACT INVALID.

Courts Decide Unconstitutional Law Advocated by Mine Workers.

The Daphin county (Pa.) court decided in an opinion written by Judge Simonton, that the store order law was unconstitutional. In a number of cases tried and decided the court found the companies against whom the taxes had been charged did not issue any store orders of the kind upon which the act imposed a tax of 25 per cent on their face value.

Spurious Twenty Dollar Bill Has Been Put in Circulation.

J. E. Wilkie, chief of the secret service bureau at Washington, D. C., has notified secret service men throughout the country to be on the lookout for a new counterfeit \$20 gold certificate, which is being circulated. The bill has on it check letter "C," the signatures of J. W. Lyon as register; Ellis H. Roberts as treasurer, and contains a poor picture of ex-President James A. Garfield. The number of the bill is 588,572.

Midshipmen Poisoned.

The number of sick midshipmen at Annapolis has reached 115, nearly a quarter of the whole naval academy. They are suffering from ptomaine poisoning contained in something which they ate. Several are ill enough to stop work, and the naval hospital is full, the others being in quarters. It is not known what caused the trouble, opinion being divided between sausage and salad dressing.

Pure Water for Public Use.

The American Public Health Association at New York adopted a resolution asking for legislation that would require railroad and steamship companies and hotels to furnish pure drinking water. There was seven inches of snow in Nebraska December 14, and four inches in Kansas. Six inches fell over the Rocky Mountain region from Northern Wyoming to Southern New Mexico.

INSULAR AFFAIRS.

Cholera Cuts Labor Supply-Rinderpest Annihilates Water Buffaloes. Commerce of Philippines.

The bureau of insular affairs of the war department at Washington has issued the following comparative summary of the commerce of the Philippine islands for the seven months ending July 31, 1902 and 1901: The total value of merchandise, exclusive of gold and silver, imported during the seven months ended July 31, 1902, was \$19,310,437, as against \$17,132,295 for the same period of 1901.

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THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG. Grain, Flour and Feed.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Flour, Hay, Feed, Straw, and Oil.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Butter, High creamery, Low creamery, Cheese, Eggs, and Poultry.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Green Beans, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Onions, and various fruits.

BALTIMORE.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Eggs.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Eggs.

LIVE STOCK.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and various types of livestock.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Retail Business Flourishing-Sales Largely Exceed Those of Corresponding Week Last Year.

R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade says: Lower temperature and holiday demands have combined to accelerate retail trade, sales largely exceeding the corresponding week in preceding years. Much postponed business is being made up and shipping departments are crowded with work.