

fore a court martial on a charge of neglect of duty.

February 26 fire broke out in a dry goods house in Rochester, N. Y. Three out of the five department stores in Rochester were destroyed. The loss is estimated at something more than \$3,000,000. No lives were lost.

Seventy-five employes of the Parry Manufacturing company at Indianapolis, Ind., struck February 26 on account of a cut in wages. These men are non-union men and Mr. Parry will be remembered as the man who has made such a vigorous fight against organized labor. Parry's employes say they have been cut from 70 to 75 cents since October, and that the present strike is against an additional cut of 2 cents per day.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Scranton, Pa., February 26, says: One of the most extensive cave-ins the northern anthracite coal region has ever experienced occurred in West Scranton today. The cave-in affected an area of about forty acres. When the first break occurred the residents became panic-stricken. There are about 200 houses in the district affected. Some were wrecked, others are out of plumb, and all others twisted to such an extent that the doors and windows cannot be opened.

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Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

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A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in the stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but 25 cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Fighting Ground.

The foundations of American liberty were laid by men who honestly regarded each other as enemies to the common weal. Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin looked upon John Adams, Hamilton, and Pickering as men entertaining ideas that were actually dangerous to the welfare of the country, and the federalist party was defeated because of this distrust and fear. Now I insist that there are hundreds of reasons why democrats should regard with fear and suspicion the existing conditions where one reason for such fear existed in Jefferson's time. Let me give a few of these dangers: The other evening at the New York university law school banquet, Mr. Elihu Root said, with "republican pride," I assume, in reviewing the record of his party:

"It has been my province during the last four years and a half to deal with arbitrary government. It has been necessary for me not only to make laws and pronounce judgment without any occasion for discussion—except in as far as I would choose to weigh the questions involved in my own mind—affecting 10,000,000 people. And not only to make laws and pronounce judgment, but to execute judgment with overwhelming force and great swiftness." 'Tis a pity 'tis true, Mr. Root. You, a student of history, ought to know that this statement brings you into line with every despot from the beginning of the world down; all of whom have, with no fools to discuss, made laws, pronounced judgment, and executed judgment upon weak and inoffensive people. You, Mr. Root, are undoubtedly a descendant of a revolutionary sire, and those patriots who are justly the object of so much of your glowing eloquence fought a seven years' war from Lexington to Yorktown solely for the purpose of demonstrating the inalienable right of men to govern themselves, and when you "made laws, pronounced judgment, and executed judgment" for the Philippines, you were simply recreant to the traditions of liberty of your country, as well as to the inalienable rights of 10,000,000 human beings.

Fighting ground for democrats in the coming campaign! Why, if they only had the patriotism of the fathers and the courage which the justice of their cause should inspire in them, they would indignantly go forth to battle against the conditions which Mr. Root describes and their holy enthusiasm for righting such wrongs would fire the blood and start the pulse and light the eye of millions of their hearers. . . .

Mr. Bryan has recently created considerable comment because of his announcement that the real issue of the campaign is a moral question. In this contention he surely is right. The paramount question of the democratic platform and the democratic campaign must be whether a few hundred men shall be permitted to furnish eight or ten million dollars for campaign disbursements and receive in return from the government the privilege, through protective tariffs, special legislation and tacit resultant trust combinations, of selling their goods to 80,000,000 people at an advance of 25 to 50 per cent above a reasonable price. The mind of man never devised a more effective means through which to corrupt a people's public officials and destroy a people than this system of imperial donation. We find high authority for Mr. Bryan's position that all great national controversies are in the last analysis moral questions. Matthew Arnold says: "Because those things—right and wrong—are really what do govern politics, and save or destroy

states, the few philosophers who alone keep insisting on the good of righteousness and the unprofitableness of

iniquity are the only real politicians." —Franklin Pierce, in New York Evening Post, Feb. 18.

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