

The sheepmen of eastern Oregon can afford to carry the manifold troubles of the range smilingly. Sheep are bringing high prices, wool is soaring, and buyers with plenty of money are in substantial evidence.

When I was preaching at Walls, Wash., said a minister, "there was no negro preacher in the town, and I was often called upon to perform a ceremony between negroes. One afternoon, after I had married a young negro couple, the bridegroom asked the price of the service, 'Oh, well,' said I, 'you can pay me whatever you think it is worth to you.' The negro turned, and silently looked his bride over from head to foot, then slowly rolling up the whites of his eyes to me said: 'Goodness, sah, you has done ruined me for life; you has, for sure.'"

Advocates of the use of preservatives in canned and bottled foods will point to the fatal poisoning of two young women at Grand Rapids, Mich., through the eating of canned salmon that was permitted to remain in the package for some time after it had been opened. But the poisoning of the victims in this instance could have been avoided by the common precaution of removing the fish from the tin to a china dish immediately upon the opening of the can, while no amount of care will safeguard the consumer of foods in which poisonous preservatives are hidden.

The biggest freight car in the world is being constructed in the St. Paul railroad shops at Milwaukee. The largest freight cars at present are of 100,000 pounds capacity and are looked upon as monsters. The new car will have a capacity of 200,000 pounds. It is being built to transport a new section of a base for a blast engine which is being shipped to Bethlehem, Pa. The car is forty-one feet long, has four instead of two trucks, and sixteen instead of eight wheels.

Possessing a figure almost as slender as a girl's but with the grace of manhood giving stateliness, naturally Mrs. Garret A. Hobart gowns herself as near to the point of perfection as a mere mortal may, says a Washington society writer. Her hair is now auburn, white, but her complexion is still of milk-and-roses. She has also that best treasure of middle life, a sunny temperament and a love for young folks.

Beds made of pine shavings are in use in Germany for soldiers' beds. The shavings are about three centimeters broad and several hundred meters long. They are said to be more comfortable than straw and more springy. Straw beds, moreover, must be changed every six months. These new beds of paper shavings need changing only once in two or three years.

The Alhambra, the famous palace of Granada, is falling to pieces. The ancient home of Spain's Moorish kings has been destroyed both by earthquakes and fire. The French soldiers blew up eight of its towers and tried to level the entire fabric. It is the great age of the building which is threatening it with destruction now.

As a consequence of a recent altercation in the Mare Island navy yard over a dog, the following notice has been posted in a number of conspicuous places about the island: "No swearing or profane language will be allowed on the yard from either the men or the officers." The word "officers" is in big type.

From the depths of the jungles inhabited by cannibals Bishop Augustus writes that "missionaries are transforming the ferocious Bondjos, ravening wolves, into lambs. The expression 'ravening wolves' is not used as a figure of speech; the term expresses a startling truth."

Smuggling Chinese coolies from Mexico into the United States is a busy industry on the border, and a profitable one, but occasionally there is a setback. The other day one of the smugglers was caught with goods entering San Diego harbor at night, with eight coolies in a steam launch.

Five thousand civilians fought in the dense of Port Arthur. They endured the perils and hardships of the siege and lost much of their property, often all of it. Their grateful government has offered them \$9 apiece by way of compensation. They have rejected the pittance.

A consul in China remarks sagely that "the Chinese will buy only what they want, and not what foreign manufacturers think they should buy. No issue a biography of Rasbi, the great Jewish commentator on the bible and the Talmud, the 800th anniversary of whose death was commemorated in the summer of 1905.

The Congregationalists are raising now about \$200,000 a year for church extension, but not satisfied with that are starting a movement to insure \$500,000 being raised. There are 500 congregations of their denomination in this country.

A clergyman in Birmingham calculates that about 8,000 pounds of rice are wasted in that city every year by being thrown at newly married couples, and he asks how many starving Hindus might be fed with that quantity.

Dainty little India rubber boots are now offered for sale in London for the "feet" of toy terriers or other dogs that may be the pets of wealthy mistresses. These are tied round the legs with silk cords.

Paris dancing masters are lamenting the decline of French elegance in the art. They assert that the French are losing their old habits of politeness and as a dancing nation are declining.

French winegrowers are more than ever convinced that hailstorms can be averted by the timely firing of cannon. In the Beaujolais district alone, 462 cannon are now in use.

An Adelaide (Australia) man who hanged himself left a note in which he said: "Heavy smoking has been my ruin. Seven sticks of fourpenny weekly for fifty years."

About 30,000,000 pounds of fireworks are annually exported from China to various parts of the world. Nearly two-thirds of this amount come to the United States.

REPRIEVE GRANTED TO SEE SICK WIFE

President Roosevelt Takes Matter Into His Own Hands.

NEBRASKA LAND FRAUDS

Harry Welsh, in Jail at Omaha Under Land Fraud Conviction, Ordered by President to Beside of Dying Wife.

Omaha, Neb., April 10.—Through the nervous shock resulting from the arrest of her husband for complicity in the Nebraska land frauds, Mrs. Harry Welsh of Davenport, Neb., now lies at the point of death in the city hospital of St. Joseph, and it is only through an order from President Roosevelt that the prisoner is to be permitted to see the mother of his children before she passes away.

Welsh left Omaha last evening in custody of Deputy Marshal Moore, the officer who made the arrest immediately after the indictment had been returned against the prisoner.

When word was received Thursday evening that the condition of Mrs. Welsh was extremely precarious and that the only chance of saving her life could be the presence of her husband, whom she idolized, a number of unsuccessful attempts were made to secure a reprieve for Welsh, and finally a message was wired to Congressman E. H. Henshaw, representing the Fourth district. In the brief terms of a short telegram the situation was described in such a way that the Nebraska representative lost but little time in gaining an interview with the nation's chief. This was accomplished Friday forenoon, and in the afternoon an order was received from the department of justice to allow Welsh to go to his wife in the custody of a deputy marshal.

TO REFORM SCHOOL.

Tekamah, Neb., April 10.—Jay Bliss, a 12-year-old boy, was sentenced to the reform school. He was recently arrested for the theft of a pocketbook containing \$13.

OMAHA PASTOR TO BROOKLYN.

Binghamton, N. Y., April 10.—Rev. Herbert Gould Croker, formerly pastor of the Hillside congregational church of Omaha, and later pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church at this place, has accepted a call to Brooklyn.

CONTRACTORS BEGIN WORK.

Hartington, Neb., April 10.—Work on the grading for the extension of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha road between Hartington and Crofton, a distance of about fifteen miles, was commenced today. Three sub-contractors, with gangs of workmen, put on plows and scrapers. The line is to be ready by August 15.

EDUCATORS AT HASTINGS.

Hastings, Neb., April 10.—Five hundred people were enrolled at the opening of the fourteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Educational association.

"COUNT" REGINALD WARD MAY TESTIFY

Man Whose Name Figured in the Tower Topics Libel Case Arrives from Europe.

New York, April 10.—"Count" Reginald Henshaw Ward, whose name figured prominently in the Tower Topics libel case in connection with "Rico" stock, arrived on the Carmania, of the Cunard line, from England, and announced that he was ready to go into court, if called upon, and tell all that he knew about Colonel Mann and the various communications that passed between the colonel and himself. The "Count," however, was careful to disclaim animus against Mann and assured that his coming over was inspired by no desire to "wreak vengeance" upon any one.



According to the passenger list, "Count Ward is consul general for Roumania in London. He was met at quarantine by his lawyer, Walter C. Shoup, and when he landed was quite ready to answer questions. 'I have come over to look after some mining interests in Utah,' he said. 'I expect to be here a few days, then go to London for a day or two, and may get down to Mexico before I get back in May.' 'Yes, it is true that I stand ready to go on the witness stand and tell about my relations with Colonel Mann,' said 'Count' Ward. 'I may say, however, that I shall not be complaining witness, and I have no intention of bringing any suit against anybody or any publication.' 'Mr. Ward is here, in other words, to show himself able to prove that there is no reason why he should not testify in court is he is desired to do so,' explained his lawyer. 'I don't know a great deal about the matter, said he, except of course what I saw in the papers. Of course I did give the Rico stock to Colonel Mann. Why? Well'—and Mr. Ward was silent.

CHARGES DECIDED UPON

New York Methodist Conference Decides on Charges in Whisky Case.

New York City, April 10.—Investigation of charges that employees of the Methodist took concern of this city of up whisky advertisements and also "A" plates for the "Author's apology," his play, "Mrs. Warren's Profession," a production was stopped by the police, was decided upon today by the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. These charges were brought by the defense committee of Typographical union.

LINCOLN SECURES STATE CONVENTION

Republicans Will Meet in the Capital City on Wednesday, August 22.

TO INDORSE A SENATOR

Convention Also to Formally Indorse Constitutional Amendment for Elective Railway Commission.

Lincoln, Neb., April 9.—The republican state convention will meet at Lincoln, Wednesday, August 22, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will nominate a candidate for United States senator in addition to a full ticket of state officers, including three railroad commissioners, which was decided upon at the meeting of the state committee tonight, with every member in attendance in person or by proxy.

The committee calling the convention also adopted the following resolution by Victor Rosewater relating to the state railway commission amendment: Whereas, A constitutional amendment has been submitted by the last legislature for ratification of the voters, and

Whereas, Under the election law of Nebraska straight party votes will be counted as votes in favor of said amendment if formally indorsed by party convention, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the convention call include a recommendation that delegates to the state convention be instructed to vote for or against the indorsement of the constitutional amendment relating to the creation of a state board of railway commissioners to be submitted for ratification at the coming election. Never before was so much interest exhibited in the preliminaries of the state campaign. A large number of outsiders, prominent in politics, were present as spectators, but were shut out by a motion for executive session.

BURLINGTON WRECK IN NEBRASKA

Fast Flyer Goes Into the Ditch Near St. Michael's This Morning.

Lincoln, Neb., April 9.—The Burlington's fast flyer to Portland, which left here at 2 o'clock this morning, was derailed four miles west of St. Michael's shortly before 8 o'clock and now lies in the ditch. Railroad officials are killed and injured. The engineer ran all the way to town to send the first alarm. A relief train was rushed from Lincoln at once.

Officials' Statement.

Chicago, April 9.—Officials of the Burlington road today declared the accident to be due to a truck on St. Michael's, Neb., which consisted of nothing more than the derailing of the trucks on the baggage and mail cars. The baggage man and two passengers were slightly bruised.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

Criminal Assault Case, After Numerous Trials, Is Disposed Of at O'Neill.

O'Neill, Neb., April 9.—The jury in the Nichol-Zack criminal assault case returned a verdict of not guilty after being out from 6 o'clock Monday evening. This disposes of a case that has cost the county about \$6,000. It has gone through court three times. The first jury disagreed, the second convicted and the case went to the supreme court where it was sent back for retrial.

GOVERNOR HAS DISPUTE

Mickey, of Nebraska, Refuses to Pay Tuition for Children.

Lincoln, Neb., April 5.—Because Governor J. H. Mickey refuses to pay tuition, his four children have been excluded from the Lincoln public schools. He has filed a mandamus suit in the supreme court against the Lincoln school board to secure reinstatement of the children. All state officers likewise have refused to pay tuition.

CARRIE IS CAMPAIGNING.

Mrs. Nation at Work in Southwestern Nebraska.

ROSEWATER IN ROME.

Rome, April 9.—More than 200 delegates, representing fifty-eight different countries, have arrived here for the Universal Postal congress, which will be inaugurated April 7 by King Victor Emmanuel. Edward Rosewater of Omaha, Neb., one of the American delegates, has arrived here.

Among the reforms to be submitted to the congress are plans for the reduction of the international postage rate to 4 cents, for the adoption of a universal postage stamp for international service and for the raising of the weight of letters to three-quarters of an ounce.

LOOKING UP FREMONT RECORDS.

Fremont, Neb., April 9.—A Chicago attorney was here yesterday looking up the record of W. H. Atwood, a former real estate dealer and loan broker, who at one time cut a wide swath in Fremont financial circles. He is now accused of being implicated in an alleged scheme to blackmail life insurance companies by trumping up bogus claims.

NEW FACTORY FOR BLAIR.

Blair, Neb., April 5.—The Young Business Men's club has secured the location of another factory for Blair, an incubator factory which will be built by the Blair Manufacturing company on foot tending to bring another manufacturing establishment here.

TO PROBE GRAIN TRUST.

Lincoln, Neb., April 9.—L. M. Pemberton, of Gage county, formerly state senator, was this morning named for referee to take testimony in the suit against the alleged grain trust. He will take the testimony in the suit and the task will be an arduous one. It has been estimated that it may take five years to complete taking testimony.

NORTH NEBRASKA DISTRICTS.

Norfolk, Neb., April 9.—The semi-annual meeting of the North Nebraska Dental association is being held here today.

CHICAGO WINS SUIT.

Supreme Court Decides Against Street Railway Company in Celebrated Tunnel Case.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—The Chicago street railway case, involving the right of the city to compel the street railway company to remove or lower its tunnel under the Chicago river at Van Buren street, was today decided by the supreme court against the company on the ground that the contemplated change is an exercise of governmental authority in the interests of common welfare. Justices Fuller, Brewer, White, McKenna dissented to the decision.

IS QUIET AGAIN.

Incipient Revolution at Samana Bay Is Reported to Have Been Quelled Effectively.

Washington, April 11.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Commander Southerland, dated Monte Christi, San Domingo: "A satisfactory settlement has been reached at Samana bay, San Domingo, by the efforts of Horace Vasques. The trouble is over, the forces withdrawn, and all is quiet elsewhere. The Paducah is here."

LIFER IS RECAPTURED.

Frank McVea, Who Killed Anamosa Guard and Policeman.

Dodge Center, Minn., April 11.—Frank McVea, alias William Burns, who was on Wednesday afternoon sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Marshal Ole Haven at Hayfield in December last and who on Wednesday night escaped from the sheriff while in the basement of the court house at Mantorville, has been captured on the farm of Bird Scripture, three miles west of Eden, in this county. Mrs. Scripture went into the haymow for eggs and stumbled upon the man buried in the hay.

Several men present came and took him out and firmly roped him and he is now en route back to jail. McVea was identified by Grand Jurymen Hubbard, who returned the indictment, McVea had no hat or shoes and wore an exhausted, from exposure and hunger and his feet were in a terrible condition from some twenty miles of shoeless travel. He will be taken immediately to Stillwater to serve his life sentence. Scripture will receive the \$500 reward.

\$100,000 FOR PLEASURE

Miner Suddenly Made Rich Will Travel Over America.

San Francisco, April 11.—Ignacio Guerra is in San Francisco on a tour of America. He has just \$100,000 to spend. With him are his wife, four beautiful daughters and a young son, his most valuable asset, he thinks. Guerra is a miner and made his money suddenly. One day one of his little claims fairly oozed gold and silver. He did not have the capital to put up a plant and work out his findings, so he found a purchaser for his claim. The lucky miner finally accepted \$900,000 cash and an interest in the claim as his selling price. Guerra and his family will leave in a few days for the east.

POSTPONEMENT ADVISED

Hague Peace Conference Called For Same Dates as Pan-American.

Berlin, April 9.—The Associated Press is officially informed that the German government has suggested adjournment of the second peace conference at The Hague in order not to interfere with the Berne (Red Cross) conference and the Pan-American congress at Rio Janeiro.

IN NO DANGER.

Attorney General Hadley Has Attack of Pleurisy.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 9.—Dr. W. A. Clark, who is attending Attorney General Hadley, after a consultation with the St. Louis City physicians, made the announcement that Mr. Hadley was "ill of pleurisy, but in no danger."

HAS HEART DISEASE.

Senator Russell A. Alger Is Said to Be Very Ill.

Washington, April 9.—General Russell A. Alger, former secretary of war and now senator from Michigan, is so seriously ill at his home here that none but the immediate members of his family are permitted to see him. He is suffering from valvular disease of the heart and it is not expected he will recover.

G. O. P. CRISIS IN MAINE

Defeat Threatens Party Over Prohibition, Governor Cobb Declares.

Portland, Me., April 11.—Gov. William T. Cobb opened the state campaign when at the annual dinner of the Deering Republican club, he announced his candidacy for re-election. Governor Cobb discussed the Sturgis law for the enforcement of prohibition, and declared that the republican party in Maine is facing a crisis after an unbroken domination of twenty-five years. He admitted that the Sturgis law is responsible for the republican democratic victories in the recent city elections. Governor Cobb was one of the original advocates of the measure. He advises the party to stick to the law even at the cost of defeat.

TO UNITE JEWS.

Plan for Harmonious Federation Is Suggested.

New York, April 10.—A movement to federate all Jewish organizations of this country into one harmonious working body was set on foot yesterday at a meeting of the newly organized Federation of Jewish organizations of New York state. Nearly a hundred societies with a combined membership of about 15,000 were represented. A resolution was adopted to establish close relations between all Jewish organizations throughout the United States, and strive for the betterment of physical, intellectual and social conditions. Major Kaufman Mandel is chairman of the federation.

FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Senator Lodge's Secretary Said to Have Used Campaign Funds.

Boston, April 11.—Robert G. Proctor, private secretary of United States Senator Cabot Lodge, arrested on the charge of embezzlement, was released on \$500 bail. The specific charge is that Proctor embezzled \$225 belonging to John E. Biggen of Quincy, in October, 1904. Biggen alleged that he gave Proctor the money as a republican campaign contribution.

TO EDUCATE CHILD LIVED LIFE OF SIN

Husband Gone to Get Rich Mother Sacrifices Self for Daughter.

AWFUL DEMAND OF LOVE

Mrs. Walters Declares to Court That If Daughter Is Given to Father She Will Kill Them and Herself.

Pittsburg, April 11.—In court here Mrs. Lizzie Lambert Walters declared that for love of her daughter, now 14 years old, so that she might obtain a good education, she had lived a life of shame. Ruth, the daughter, was present when the confession was made. It was more than a minute before she seemed to realize fully what her mother's statement meant; then, with a piercing shriek, she tried to reach her mother's side, but before she could do so she fell unconscious. She was carried into an ante-room, where a physician worked with her several hours before he could restore her to consciousness.

Left Wife, Got Rich.

The couple were married at Johnston, Pa., on December 19, 1890, and came to this city, where two children, a boy and a girl, were born. Then they separated, Walters going to Chicago and afterward to Portland. He is a mining engineer, and prospered there until today, according to the testimony, he is worth at least \$150,000, and is the general manager of the Western Smelting and Mining company. He declares that the son died of neglect, but he admitted that he had never contributed to the support of either the children.

Walters, some time ago, obtained a divorce from his wife, and then, learning of the life she was leading, brought suit for the custody of his daughter. It was expected that the mother would attempt to deny leading a dual life, one that of the fond mother, the other that of the woman of the town. But she only said: "What I am, I am for my daughter's sake. That she might be educated and be properly clothed, I have sold my body and my very soul. I could die happy in the thought of doing so, for oh, I love her so! But I want to tell you, judge, that if you take her from me and give her to her father I will kill both of us and him, for I cannot live without my little girl."

Persisted with Her Story.

She had continued her narrative to this point despite the efforts of the attorneys to interrupt her. Then came the piercing cry of the child, who a moment later fell unconscious. Ruth Walters is a student at the fashionable Ursuline academy in this city and has had everything she wished for. She is one of the best dressed students. Her mother, who lives on Craft avenue, was supposed to receive money from wealthy relatives. According to the story of Mrs. Walters, her supply of money became exhausted a year ago last November. In order to continue her daughter's education she started on her life of shame.

Mrs. Walters is a handsome woman about 35 years of age. She was dressed entirely in black. Her former husband, who is twice as old as she, sobbed convulsively as she told her story. No decision has been rendered in the case.

AUTO FURNISHES NEW MENACE IN CITIES

Gasoline and Naphtha Drains Into Sewers and Blows Manhole Covers Sky High, Hurting Many.

New York, April 11.—That an automobile peril more deadly than the reckless chauffeur threatens the residents of this city was made apparent when a series of explosions—the fourth since the beginning of the year—were heard within two weeks—sent manhole covers sky-high along Eighth, Ninth and Tenth avenues, between North-ninth and Fifty-fifth streets, causing personal injury to a dozen persons and a property loss amounting to several thousand dollars.

An investigation by Police Inspector Richard Walsh, Captain Zimmerman of the West Forty-seventh street police station, and former Coroner Gustav Scholer traced the explosion to the practice of the proprietors of the hundreds of automobile garages along Broadway, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth avenues of allowing the gasoline, naphtha and refuse oils from the hundreds of machines that are stored with them to be washed into the sewer openings.

CATHOLIC Y. M. C. A.

Movement for a National Organization Has the Indorsement of the Church and Laity.

New York, April 11.—The plan to establish in this country a national association for Catholic young men on the lines of the Young Men's Christian association has already taken definite shape and has the approval of Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland, Foley and Ryan and the leading Catholic laymen of the country.

John D. Crimmins, Mayor Dunne of Chicago, W. Bourke Cockran, Justice McKenna of the United States supreme court, Countess Leary and other wealthy Catholics have offered their aid to the movement. A million dollar trust fund has been suggested as the foundation for the movement.

Plans will be thoroughly discussed in Baltimore next month at the closing of the centennial of the celebration of the Baltimore cathedral and a national committee formed.

HUNGARIAN COMPROMISE

It is on the Basis of Universal Suffrage.

Vienna, April 11.—Count Apponyi, the new minister of worship in the Hungarian cabinet, in a statement made to the Associated Press said: "The Hungarian cabinet was formed on the basis of universal suffrage and all other questions will be reserved for a parliament elected on this basis. No part of the coalition program has been abandoned."

ELIMINATE THE RULE; DISRUPT EXCHANGE

Live Stock Associations Are Hard Hit by Kansas Decision.

VIEW OF THE DEALERS

Commission Men of Kansas City Assert That Rule Condemned is Essential to Life of Business—Mortgages Voided.

Kansas City, April 11.—Frank Hagerman, counsel for the Kansas City Live Stock exchange, said that he would advise the exchange to eliminate rule 9 of the by-laws, which would cause a preliminary court hearing to be illegal. The rule provides that no member of the exchange shall buy or sell live stock for a less commission than 50 cents a head. It provides also a maximum charge on carload lots. Commission men said that the elimination of this rule would disrupt the exchange.

Effect of the Rule.

"When that rule is dropped the exchange will have outlived its usefulness. Without it the live stock commission business would become chaotic. Shippers would be afraid to consign cattle to us, because without rule No. 9 there would be no guarantee to them of fair treatment. Irresponsible agents would overcharge them and the live stock exchange would be powerless to prevent overcharge. 'The objects of the exchange rules are not well understood,' continued Mr. Allen. 'I believe that even the supreme court of Kansas was in possession of all the facts in the case when it decided that the existence of the minimum charge rule was in restraint of competition. That rule, as well as all of the by-laws of the exchange, were adopted for the protection of the shipper. The exchange regulates the maximum commission that may be charged for selling cattle as well as the minimum. Knowing that these two rules exist, the shipper understands just what he will have to pay an agent for buying or selling cattle for him. He knows what to expect if he ships to us, and if he doesn't like the terms nothing is to prevent him from coming on with his cattle and selling them himself. In fact, that occurs daily.'

Millions in Mortgages.

Mr. Hagerman would not admit that the elimination of rule 9 would be the by-laws of the live stock exchange would disrupt the organization. "On other grounds," he said, "it is a most serious matter."

"How far-reaching the consequences of this decision will be, I cannot say without looking at the opinion myself. But it affects every mortgage held by every member of the Kansas City Live Stock exchange, secured in Kansas and may reach securities in Missouri if the laws of this state are invoked in the matter. There must be many millions of dollars out on mortgages negotiated by the exchange members and this decision covers them all. It may even reach innocent banks or private lenders who have accepted transfers of such mortgages, and the effect would then be almost calamitous."

"But let me again emphasize the point that the court does not say the exchange is illegal, or a trust; it says that the by-law is illegal because it is an agreement to fix prices. The legality of the exchange was affirmed by the Missouri court of appeals in Gladish against Bridgford on June 26, 1905, and by the supreme court of the United States in the Higgins case on October 24, 1898."

STILL STICK ON ARBITRATION PLAN

Operators of Anthracite Mines Secure Postponement of Conference to Further Consider Proposition.

New York, April 11.—At the request of the operators the conference between the committee of coal operators and miners scheduled for today to consider the situation in the anthracite fields was postponed until tomorrow. It was announced the postponement was requested because some operators had not yet had sufficient opportunity to consider the miners' proposition for arbitration.

Expect Counter Proposition.

The two subcommittees held separate sessions today to consider the situation as it now stands. The miners' committee had little to do as their latest propositions for arbitration is still in the hands of the operators. Mitchell and his lieutenants express the belief the operators will not accept the miners' offer as made, but will present an arbitration plan radically different from the one proposed. The miners have indicated a counter proposition is made they will ask for an immediate adjournment for a day or two in order that the full Shamokin scale committee may carefully consider the new plan. If the operators offer to arbitrate only the grievances the proposition is expected to meet with strong opposition from many members of the miners' committee.

Conditions About the Same.

Philadelphia, April 9.—Reports received today from the anthracite coal regions state the beginning of the second week of the suspension of coal mining shows practically the same conditions as existed a week ago. All miners in the lower and middle districts are idle, while in the Lackawanna and Wyoming fields a few hundred men have returned to work.

Pittsburg, April 9.—There was almost a general resumption of mining operations in the Pittsburg district today. Less than 5 per cent of the plants were idle. The Westmoreland Coal company, one of the largest independent concerns, with a capacity of a million tons annually, also signed the scale today, and orders were given to resume operations at their mines.

VETERAN OPERATOR DIES

Old Man on the Associated Press Dies at Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, Mich., April 11.—Chas. W. Johnston, local chief operator for the Associated Press, died today from heart failure. Johnston was one of the veteran Associated Press men, having entered the service in 1885. For several years he was correspondent at Memphis, Tenn. He was a most skillful telegrapher and enjoyed wide popularity.