

STRIKE CASE BEGINS

Arbitration Board Hears Miners' Side and Arranges Many Details.

OWNERS OPPOSE AUDIT OF THEIR BOOKS

Judge Gray Suggests Experts Examine Company Records Officially.

TESTIMONY TO BE HEARD NEAR MINES

Both Men and Operators Agree that This Will Be Best Plan.

BAER OBJECTS TO UNION REPRESENTATIVE

Says United Workers Cannot Appear, Though Anthracite Men Can Stand Who They Like and Position Is Tacitly Accepted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The anthracite coal strike commission held its first sitting today. Both operators and miners were present.

The proceedings lasted two hours, during the whole of which time methods of procedure were discussed. On Thursday morning the mines and the homes of the miners will be examined.

There was considerable discussion over a proposition to have expert accountants audit the statements of wages and classification of miners, the operators are to make for the commission, but no decision was reached on this point.

Mr. Mitchell presented a copy of the original demands formulated by the Shamokin convention, as follows: 1. An increase of 30 per cent in wages of those not engaged by the day.

2. A reduction of 20 per cent in hours of those engaged by the day. 3. Payment for weight of coal at a minimum rate of 6 cents per ton of 2,200 pounds.

4. A wage agreement between the operators and the miners for an adjustment of wages.

Mr. Baer took exception to Mr. Mitchell's appearance as a representative of the Mine Workers' union, but had no objection to his presence as a representative of the strikers in their individual capacity.

The commission made no attempt to settle the controversy there, but it was apparent the recognition of the union will form a knotty problem before the commission adjourns.

It was agreed that Mr. Mitchell should file with the commission next Monday a detailed statement of the claims of the miners. The statement he read today was a preliminary statement of the case.

The representative of the operators announced that they would file an answer to the statement to be filed by Mr. Mitchell on Monday, within three days of that time.

Mr. Mitchell said it would facilitate matters if a general statement of the facts affecting all the companies and the mine workers, for instance, the question of hours, was accepted.

Mr. Trunada said that his company had a plan to employ against the difference between the mine and the strike commission to meet a committee of his company and discuss their grievances and if there were any that could not be settled these should go before the commission for arbitration.

The suggestion that both sides appoint experts to examine the books of the companies was made by Judge Gray. He said it would be a good plan for them to agree that tabulated statements relating to existing rates of wages be taken from the books of the companies by two expert accountants, one named by each party, such accountants to be employees of the commission.

Mr. Baer, after expressing his disinclination to accept the suggestion, said his company would submit their payroll under oath. They now had seventy clerks working day and night compiling data for the commission.

Dr. Weyl, for the miners, said if the suggestion was accepted Mr. Mitchell and himself would not present the statistics they had prepared, because those figures were not as full as they would be if taken from the companies' books.

President Baer, however, thought these would be a check upon the companies' payrolls and should be presented. Judge Gray expressed the opinion that it would be criminal waste of time to dispute facts that could be ascertained.

"Where once ascertained," said he, "their interpretation is another thing." After furthering the matter Judge Gray modified his suggestion proposing that only one expert accountant be appointed, who should analyze the statements made by both sides and verify the facts.

Mr. Baer promptly accepted and Mr. Mitchell followed suit, saying the plan was not entirely in accord with the wishes of the miners, who were anxious to avoid all controversy as to the interpretation of figures.

VOLCANO ALARMS THE PEOPLE

Santa Maria in Nicaragua is in Eruption, but No Damage is Yet Reported.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 27.—Since Saturday morning the volcano of Santa Maria, in the department of Quetzaltenango, northwestern part of Guatemala, has been in eruption. Rocks are felt all over Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. No damage has been reported, but there is great alarm.

Santa Maria has been considered an active volcano. There are several towns and villages near it. In about ten miles from the volcano of Quetzaltenango and fifteen miles from Guatemala, which has about 6,000 inhabitants. The height of the volcano is 12,497 feet, or about three times as high as Mount Pelee, in Martinique.

Guatemala suffered severely from earthquakes several days last April, when many towns and villages along the Cordillera were either totally or partly reduced to ruins. The towns of Quetzaltenango and Amittlan, capitals respectively of the departments bearing the same names, were destroyed.

EDWARD PRAISES GUARDSMEN

As a Young Man Served with Them, but Sorry to Have Seen No Active Duty.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—King Edward reviewed today nearly 4,000 guardsmen who have recently returned from South Africa. The king afterwards addressed the troops, welcoming them home.

He praised the work which they had done in the field, saying: "You have upheld the great name which has made everybody who has served in the guards a proud man. I, myself, feel proud to have been a member of your ranks, though I regret I never had the opportunity, like my brother, of seeing active duty in the field."

In spite of their arduous duties in South Africa, the king remarked, the men had not forgotten their drill and the march past today was as well done if not better carried out than ever before.

The queen and other women of the royal family drove past in carriages. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the troops gave hearty cheers for the king.

PRINCE IS NOT YET INVITED

Hear to English Throne Will, However, Probably Visit the Exposition at St. Louis.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The report cable from the United States that the prince and princess of Wales probably would visit the St. Louis exposition in 1904 created much interest here. The news occupied a prominent place in all the afternoon newspapers. Surprise was expressed in official circles at the question being publicly discussed at all.

At York house, the residence of the prince and princess of Wales, a representative of the Associated Press was informed that nothing was officially known on the subject. From inquiries in other quarters, however, the Associated Press learned that while an official invitation had been extended the matter had been unofficially presented to the king, who returned a polite, noncommittal reply.

It is pointed out that the question of acceptance or declination must of course await the transmittal of an official invitation from the United States government.

MEXICAN MONT PELEE ACTIVE

People Are Anxious Over Falling Ashes and Reported Eruptions.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 27.—Consternation is spreading among the inhabitants of many towns in the remote south on account of showers of ashes, which are falling from San Juan Bautista, capital of the state of Tabasco, to Sillina Guay.

It is believed a hill near Palenque, where there is a great prehistoric city, has suddenly been transformed into an active volcano. The ashes falling at Palenque have hidden the sun, and also at Comitán, and a great fear has come on the people. Palenque is the center of the disturbances, as the burning mountain is said to be near there.

Indians arriving at San Cristobal, Las Casas, say a hill in the Guadalupe, Sierra, is vomiting fire and smoke. People in many towns have been running about in terror and offering prayers publicly for the safety of themselves and children.

ANOTHER SULTAN IS DEFIANT

Philippines May Have Two Expeditions Instead of Only One.

MANILA, Oct. 27.—It is expected the expedition against the sultan of Bacool will leave Camp Vicars, Mindanao, about November 5. It will consist of detachments of artillery, infantry, cavalry and engineers, and friendly natives.

A report is current that the sultan of Caracot, whose stronghold is north of Lake Lanao, is preparing to resist the Americans. Hostile Moros are again blocking the trail to the Mandu forts, which were recently destroyed by Captain Pershing of the Fifteenth cavalry. This condition is not serious.

PEERS MADE WHILE YOU WAIT

Bohemian Charged with Forging Patents of Nobility on Short Order Plan.

PRAGUE, Bohemia, Oct. 27.—Alotz Mueller and Peter von Schlecta, charged with trafficking in forged patents of nobility are on trial here.

Twenty-three charges have been brought against Mueller, involving over 100 forgeries. There is one instance of Count Hilario Chaky, who desired a dignity which required a lineal descent from sixteen noble ancestors, and Mueller undertook to furnish them. In another case, in order to enable a member of the Reichsrath, Dr. Otto Mittal, Mueller forged a receipt of Emperor Leopold, dated 1697.

AMERICAN JOCKEY ARRESTED

Burns Returns to France After Expulsion and Will Be Conducted to Frontier.

PARIS, Oct. 27.—La Sere this evening says Burns, an American horseman recently expelled from France for alleged turf scandals, has returned.

He was arrested this afternoon and will be conducted to the frontier.

INCREASES CANAL PRICE

Colombia Wants More Money and Raises Objections to American Proposal.

WILL ONLY GRANT RENEWABLE LEASE

Suggests Immediate Rental, Higher Cash Payment and Hundred Years' Contract, Instead of Outright Sale of Property.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The response of the Colombian government to the proposition for the negotiation of a canal treaty on the lines of the Spooner act has reached the State department.

Colombia does not altogether accept the propositions, but at the same time does not close the negotiations, though it opens up new topics.

For one thing Colombia is dissatisfied with the small monetary compensation offered. This sum is \$7,500,000. Colombia wants at least \$10,000,000.

The original proposal also suggested an annual rental after fourteen years, the amount of which was to be fixed by mutual agreement. Colombia now asks an immediate yearly payment of \$600,000.

The Colombian government clings to the contention that it has no authority to alienate any territory and reiterates that the best it can do is to grant a 100-year lease with stipulations that it shall be renewable.

ROOSEVELT IS FORTY-FOUR

President of the United States Celebrates His Birthday in Very Quiet Manner.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt today quietly celebrated the forty-fourth anniversary of his birth. He was down in his office early, going over some matters with Secretary Cortelyou, who had just returned from Canton.

Many messages of congratulation were received and numerous remembrances arrived during the morning. Among the latter were many flowers.

A committee representing the Hungarian club of New York, of which the president is an honorary member, in accordance with their custom for several years, called to congratulate him upon his anniversary.

The committee consisted of Marcus Braun, president of the club; Julius Wolf, John Blau and Edward Kohn. Several members of the cabinet also called to extend their congratulations. Secretary Hitchcock being the first to arrive.

OBJECTS TO ADMIRAL SCHLEY

Counsel Opposes Suggestion to Change Sampson's Name, Saying Chadwick is Only Man.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—There was a brief reminder of the Sampson-Schley controversy in the United States supreme court today when the case of "The United States versus W. T. Sampson" was called. It involves the distribution of prize money earned by the capture of the Infanta Maria Teresa. Chief Justice Fuller suggested the name of Admiral Schley be substituted for that of Admiral Sampson in view of the latter's death.

The alteration did not meet with counsel's approval, it being suggested Captain Chadwick was the only possible man to take Admiral Sampson's place.

WU TING FANG IS RECALLED

Receives Instructions to Proceed at Once by Most Direct Route to Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Wu Tingfang, the Chinese minister, has been recalled to his country by a special edict which was received by him today.

He is ordered to return by the most direct route to Shanghai and will leave as soon as he can pack his effects, probably within two weeks.

KANSAS MAN GETS POST

Dallas of Tepeka Joins Board of Penitentiary Appeals with Others.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary Hitchcock has appointed the following additional members of the Board of Penitentiary Appeals: E. J. Dallas, Tepeka, Kan.; Frederick W. Lentz, Topeka, Kan.; James E. West, Washington, D. C.; William L. Symons, Cleveland; Luther W. Walter, Kentucky, and G. A. Leavitt, Houston, Mo.

PRESENTS PAY NO DUTY

General Otis Gets Customs Rebate on Gifts He Bought in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Treasury today ordered the collector of customs at El Paso, Tex., to refund to General Harrison Gray Otis duties paid on presents for his family, bought during his recent trip through Mexico.

CUSTOMS CONGRESS TO CONVENE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—It is stated that the customs congress which was one of three international gatherings proposed by the Pan-American congress at its last meeting in Mexico, will meet in New York January 18, 1903. Thirteen republics have already announced their purpose of sending delegates. The sanitary congress will meet December 1. The coffee congress is now making good progress in New York.

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The statement that negotiations for a reciprocity treaty with Newfoundland have been abandoned is declared to be without foundation.

PROMOTED FOR KILLING MAN

Private Who Shot Miser Is Made Sergeant on Recommendation of General.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Oct. 27.—Upon the recommendation of Major General Miller, Colonel Rutledge tonight promoted Arthur Wadsworth from a private to a sergeant.

Wadsworth shot and killed William Durham on the night of October 8, while on guard duty. Durham did not heed the order to halt.

General Miller says he deprecates the killing of Durham, but the promotion of Wadsworth is a reward for the faithful performance of duty.

BILL POSTERS START RIOT

Fight Between Union and Nonunion Men in Chicago, but No One Hurt.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—A riot today caused by the American Postal Service's attempt to post bills on a billboard at Morgan and West Monroe streets by the use of nonunion labor, seven men were severely injured.

Service on the Morgan street car line was suspended and a riot call was sent in. A large crowd gathered at the corner and many of them assisted the union men in stopping the work.

When the police arrived the nonunion men had deserted their wagons and caps from the showers of stones, bricks and other missiles. The crowd dispersed upon the appearance of the police and no arrests were made.

A bill of injunction was issued by Judge Cuyler today on behalf of the American Postal Service against the Bill Posters and Miller's union, No. 1, restraining the union from maintaining pickets in front of or in the vicinity of the plant of the American Postal Service. It also restricts the union from interfering with the men who are working on the boards of the company.

The head stem of his machine broke as he was speeding along at a fast clip, and he was hurled to the ground with such force that his neck was broken.

Eiwell had traveled through Europe, Asia and Northern Africa on the machine that caused his death.

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ONLY ATHLETES ARE COMING

Reports that English Army Officers Will Visit the United States is Misleading.

CATSKILL, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Major General S. B. M. Young is a guest of George W. McLaughan of Washington, D. C., at Mr. McLaughan's country home here.

General Young said today that a published report relating to the coming to America of non-commissioned officers of the English army was misleading. It is possible, he said, that the Englishmen, who are trained athletes, may come over and give exhibitions at the military tournament at Madison Square next spring, and such exhibitions, he added, might show interesting to Americans as showing the results of physical training in England.

The English training, according to General Young, is not superior to the system at West Point, but is much better than can be found at American military posts. General Young will leave for Washington this evening.

FARMER ACCUSED OF MURDER

Suitor for Daughter's Hand Found Dead and the Father is Under Suspicion.

QUINCY, Ill., Oct. 27.—Millard Filmore Lester, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Plainville, was placed in jail today charged with killing Frederick Larimore, who was found dead near his home in Plainville last Thursday night.

Lester, it is said, had warned Larimore to cease paying attention to the former's daughter and this directed suspicion toward Lester.

Bloodhounds went three times from the orchard where the body was found, directly to the post in the village where Lester had his horse hitched on the night of the shooting.

W. J. BRYAN IN COLORADO

Nebraska Man Arrives at Midnight and Makes Speech Early in the Morning.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Oct. 27.—William J. Bryan, who arrived here from the west at midnight, addressed a large audience in the opera house this morning.

At 7:46 he departed in a special train on a short speaking tour in this state. Lester had his horse hitched on the night of the shooting.

ARMY MEN AMENABLE TO LAW

Soldiers Must Answer in Civil Courts to Crimes Against Their Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—The United States circuit court of appeals today decided that military men are amenable to civil courts for offenses other than those solely in violation of army rules.

The decision was in the case of Lieutenant John N. Neall, a Presidio officer, convicted of forgery in 1888.

THOMAS DUNN MUST HANG

Supreme Court Passes Final Sentence on Jackson's Murderer at Jefferson City.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 27.—Thomas Dunn, who killed Peter Jackson in St. Louis in October, 1896, was today sentenced by the supreme court to be hanged.

The murder resulted from a disagreement over money.

SCENTS MORE CORRUPTION

St. Louis Attorney Hears Now that False Registration Was Practiced.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—Attorney Folk will investigate charges that there has been false registration in some of the wards. All cases will be taken before the grand jury.

SHAW DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Secretary of the Treasury Responds with a Most Convincing Speech.

Handled in Such a Logical and Convincing Manner as to Win Admiration of Political Opponents.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw spoke in Schiltz' roof garden last night to as many people as could possibly crowd into that good-sized auditorium.

The secretary arrived in Omaha at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was met at the Union station by Senator Millard and escorted by the latter in a carriage to the Omaha National bank, of which Senator Millard is president, where he was greeted by a number of Omaha's prominent citizens.

The federal building was the best objective point, after which Secretary Shaw made a short call upon the editor of The Bee at The Bee building. With Senator Millard he then was driven to the latter's residence where he was entertained as the secretary's speech was being prepared.

Secretary Shaw was a quiet, convincing style of oratory. For plain, forcible, logical reason and argument he has long ago been accorded a front rank among present-day American speakers and his speech last night was a tribute to the good judgment of the secretary in accepting upon his own terms.

He dealt with the live political issues in a live manner and drove home with such telling force every argument he advanced that if any in his audience did not thoroughly agree with him they gave evidence of having been deeply impressed with the secretary's sincerity in the principles he enunciated.

Stories with a Point. Senator Millard introduced the secretary, who was given a hearty ovation. Seldom has any public speaker met a more enthusiastic reception at the hands of an Omaha audience, or received such close attention, and there was no stage of his speech when his audience did not seem to be thoroughly in sympathy with his remarks. The secretary is somewhat of a humorist, as people of this section know, and he makes excellent use of this happy faculty in his political speeches. At least he seemed to it remarkably advantageously.

He is also given to the use of parables, as means of illustrating his points and often some rich vein of humor permeates these channels, but invariably these veins lead to a stern, solemn truth. In answering to the Cuban question the secretary admitted he did not know what really was to be the final disposition of the island, but he illustrated the justice and equity of the course of the United States thus far in this unique manner:

"Suppose I am Uncle Sam. Cuba is my neighbor. Every night I am awakened by pitiful cries over in my neighbor's yard and in the morning I discover blood on my doorstep. Investigation proves that a heartless parent has been mercilessly beating his child. I determine to go over there and stop this thing. My wife, my children, my entire household tell me to go. I stop the cruel impositions, but when I get back to my house I have a squalling brat on my hands. I am sorry I have it, but I cannot help it. I intervened for its life with the best of intentions and I am now charged with the responsibility of its care and protection. I would be a consummate coward if I shirked this responsibility. But how shall I take care of it. My family object to adopting it and so we decided simply to let it with the option that when it is grown we can adopt it. If it turns out good and creditably, in the meanwhile we have the right to apply whatever means of correction we may think this little fellow needs."

The speaker said a stable government at present was the best thing for Cuba and that it had, and in every way, he declared, this country was meeting its responsibility as best it could and the results thus far seemed to prove that the course was a wise one.

DEMOCRACY'S SEARCH FOR AN ISSUE

Secretary Shaw asserted that the democratic party cared more for the discovery of an issue on which to make a campaign than to formulate a policy to give to the people. He declared that the party had been produced came from republican ranks and that the democrats had done nothing but talk.

The first anti-trust platform was written and read by no less a personage than William McKinley, a republican national congressman. The first anti-trust law drafted was by that grand old pillar of the republican party, John Sherman. The first anti-trust bill ever passed by a congress was the Sherman anti-trust act and was signed by a republican president, Benjamin Harrison.

It was shown that the republican course had been one of positive action and not negation, and that its methods for dealing with the trusts, tariff and other great issues had proven safe and successful. It's position upon the money question had not only been accepted as the right one by republicans, but men of all parties. That was no longer a question. The democratic party and its leaders were scored for their attitude of constant criticizing and failure to offer cordial co-operation in aiding instead of opposing the republicans in making laws mutually beneficial.

Continuing his speech, the secretary said: "I wish we might solve all the great problems non-partisanly as we have solved the money question. Both parties joined in subsidizing the first transcontinental lines of railroads. Both parties joined in subsidizing aid until, after years of struggle and industrial expansion, sufficient capital had been created to support the roads and subsidize, or government aid, became no longer necessary. The road has demonstrated splendidly in developing the business which subsequently made them profitable, but government aid was necessary in the inception.

We still non-partisanly subsidize our rivers and harbors. Some of this money may be squandered, but so long as the public revenues are conserved and expended for labor, I shall not complain. But out of the great aggregate appropriations for rivers and harbors much money is wisely expended and our commerce is greatly benefited. It will soon be necessary to spend many millions in deepening the channel of New York harbor. Large vessels are being built every year. Those engaged in foreign commerce carry on the average three times the tonnage of thirty years ago and vessels carrying ten times the average of those now engaged are in process of construction.

When the time comes I hope we will have sufficient revenues with which to meet the demand. The port of New York is a national port and it is there that we load and unload nearly 50 per cent of our foreign commerce, and to the collector at the port comes the duty on the goods.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Warmer Tuesday and Wednesday; Light, Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. .... 43 1 p. m. .... 51 6 a. m. .... 41 2 p. m. .... 54 7 a. m. .... 40 3 p. m. .... 53 8 a. m. .... 39 4 p. m. .... 52 9 a. m. .... 41 5 p. m. .... 52 10 a. m. .... 42 6 p. m. .... 50 11 a. m. .... 40 7 p. m. .... 48 12 m. .... 48 8 p. m. .... 45 9 p. m. .... 42

NEW MOVE IN FUEL DISPUTE

Write to Stop Annual Meeting is Next Card Bartlett Will Play.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 27.—The Times says: The fight for control of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company will be transferred to St. Louis next week when application will be made for a writ of superdenas which will stay all proceedings until the case can be heard.

The action will probably be brought in the name of George F. Bartlett who intervened in the previous case and prevented the holding of the annual meeting. Of former years and the indications point to the annual meeting fixed for December 10 by Judge Caldwell. The case will then be taken to the court of appeals though it will probably be several months before it is reached.

In the meantime the present management of the company will remain in possession. At the local offices it is maintained that officials are making no effort to stop the annual meeting.

HORSE SHOW IS GREAT EVENT

Exhibits at Chicago Greatly Surpass Anything of the Kind Ever Before Held.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—The third annual horse show opened this afternoon at the coliseum. The exhibits greatly exceed those of former years and the indications point to an exhibition that will surpass anything of the kind ever held in Chicago.

A large number of famous prize winners entered from the east and the rivalry between the east and west promised to be exceedingly keen. One hundred and thirty exhibitors are present, representing all parts of the country, and the list of entries number 800 in all.

Although the real opening occurred this afternoon the formal opening took place tonight, when society was out in full force.

DOCTOR GHOULS GIVE BONDS

Prominent Indianapolis Physicians Implicated in Recent Grave Robberies.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 27.—The wholesale robbery of graves in Indianapolis led four indicted physicians to give bonds today, six of the negro ghoul's entered pleas of not guilty and the case of Dr. J. C. Alexander was set for trial on November 17. Dr. Alexander is demonstrator of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. William E. Holt, demonstrator of the Physio-Medical college, was released on \$1,000 bonds. Dr. Frank M. Wright, secretary and treasurer of the Eclectic Medical college, gave bonds in the sum of \$2,000. Dr. John C. Wilson, an interne at the Central college,