

VISIT THE COAL MINES

Arbitration Commission Begins Tour to Examine in Anthracite Region.

MARKLE'S MEN ARE ON STRIKE ONCE MORE

Independent Operators Who Discriminated Lose Chance to Mine Coal.

MITCHELL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STOPPAGE

Thinks Prominent Strikers Are Being Victimized and Will Not Assent.

TROOPS WILL BE ORDERED HOME MONDAY

Some Have Already Left and Rest Will Go as Soon as Necessary Arrangements Have Been Made for Them.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 30.—The seven commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to adjust the differences existing between the anthracite mine workers and their employers today made a tour of the extreme upper coal field and saw every step taken in the production of coal from the time it is blasted to the point where it is sent to market.

The arbitrators had an interesting day and returned to their hotel at 6:30 tonight, grumpy from coal dust and tired after eight busy hours. They had to endure many discomforts, making their way through wet places in the mines, almost crawling along some of the gangways and passing through clouds of coal dust in the breakers. Notwithstanding this, their eagerness for every step taken in the production of coal from the time it is blasted to the point where it is sent to market.

Bishop Asks Many Questions.

Bishop Spalding asked more questions than any one of the others. He was usually in the center of a group of commissioners and asked many questions of those who were employed in and about the mines.

Today's tour consisted of an inspection of No. 2 mine of the Hillside Coal and Iron company, operated by the Erie company, and the coal breaker of the Delaware & Hudson company. The former is located at Forest City, twenty-two miles north of Scranton, and the breaker at Gardendale, four miles south of Forest City.

The start was made precisely at 10 o'clock. In the party were seven commissioners, recorders Mosely and Neill and four stenographers. Accompanying them were: R. A. Phillips, general superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company; E. R. Hoss, general superintendent of the Erie company; J. R. May, general manager of the Erie; J. R. Bryden, general superintendent of the New York, Ontario & Western; and B. Thorne, general manager of the Temple Iron company.

These officials represented the companies, and the strikers were represented by Thomas A. Nichols, president of this district; Rev. Peter Roberts of Mahanoy City and James Marwick of New York, the latter an expert.

A special train of two Pullman cars and a day coach, which was chartered at the expense of the commissioners, carried the party. The rear car was used for observation purposes. It was a large, wrap-around car, with the seats facing the front. The party was taken to the northern edge of the field at Forest City. The commissioners studied it carefully and its many features were explained to them by Mr. Watkins, who is an expert in coal mining and was formerly an independent coal operator. The strikers were fully noted by the train. At each of the stations a small group of persons gathered.

Miners Stood Silently By.

When the party arrived at Forest City a crowd, among whom were some mine workers, greeted it. There was no demonstration, the workers standing silently by. A short drive was taken through the town to give the commissioners an opportunity to view the homes of the mine workers, and then the entire party was bundled into three small cars. What is known as a "tokto," a small locomotive, drew the cars to the No. 2 shaft, a mile distant from the valley.

As the mine was wet and dirty the company officials provided rubber overboots, overalls, jumpers and miners' caps. Judge Gray and Bishop Spalding were the first to don the uniform and listened good-naturedly to chaffing inquiries as to their status in the union.

After the party had been rigged out and provided with miners' lamps, which they either carried in their hands or fastened to their caps, the descent of the shaft was made. At the foot they were joined by the president and another member of the Forest City local union of the miners' organization.

The hospital at that point was inspected and then the commissioners got into a train of six mine cars and were hauled about a mile and a half underground in a southerly direction. Accompanied by Mr. May, Mr. Nichols and one or two others, they went down a plane to what is known as a thin vein of coal, where they saw miners fire a blast.

Accident Kept Secret.

The thin vein runs into the Clifford mine adjoining. In the Clifford, a few hours before the commissioners arrived, a Hungarian was killed almost instantly by the falling of a portion of the roof. He was doubled up and his lamp falling to go out set fire to his clothes, almost roasting him alive. The newspaper correspondents were casually informed of this before the commissioners went down, but the arbitrators were left in ignorance.

The vein was explained to the commissioners, who asked many questions of the miners working it. From these they returned to the main gangway and inspected an average vein that is a vein about six or eight feet thick. In going to some of the "breasts," the commissioners had almost to crawl. This was a particularly irksome matter for Judge Gray, who is the tallest man in the commission.

On the return journey to the foot of the shaft Bishop Spalding came across a Latinian boy who was employed as a door-tender. His face was black from coal dust, but in the dim light of the lamp on his cap, the bishop noticed his handsome features. He asked the boy many questions as to his age, the character of his work and the wages he received. The other commissioners also pined him with questions.

Near this shaft the car in which Judge Gray, General Wilson and Messrs. Clark and Parker were seated jumped the track

GERMANY SENDS TO FAIR

Dr. Lewald Will Represent that Country at St. Louis and Sails Next Month.

BERLIN, Oct. 30.—The appointment of Dr. Lewald as imperial commissioner to the St. Louis exposition will be announced in two or three days. Emperor William has approved the selection of Dr. Lewald, whose work at the Chicago exposition was so satisfactory. His name has gone before the Bundesrat for confirmation. If he is immediately confirmed he will sail on Prince Wilhelm, leaving Bremen November 4, for New York.

In this case he will return to Germany before Christmas and begin to arrange for the exhibits. The cabinet will suggest a vote of \$500,000 to defray the expenses of the German official exhibits at the fair.

The government quite expects the agrarians to object to this appropriation, and as it will have to deal with a hostile majority, \$500,000 seemed the most desirable amount, but it may be diminished in the final revision of the budget before it is submitted to the Reichstag at the end of November.

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TO PAY OFF AMERICAN DEBT

Whether It Will Be Done with Merchandise or Gold No One Can Tell.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—"There is undoubtedly a strong movement toward paying off the American indebtedness in London, but whether it can be done with foodstuffs and merchandise, or whether it will necessitate the importation of gold, the best posted man in the world could not tell at the present moment."

This is the opinion of the head of the best known Anglo-American bank in London, who, discussing the financial situation with a representative of the Associated Press, said: "There is no special reason, so far as I am aware, why a large amount of gold should be wanted here now. No large national loans are impending or anything of the kind is in the air. On the other hand, there is so much money tied up in profits in London, that really it is a hard job to get cash to pay the butchers' bill."

Take South Africa, where they have shot and mangled the republicans, and the hole in the nation's savings. Then the list of South African securities on the present system on the health and morals of soldiers. These reports all indicate an increased number of desertions and that more men have been tried for drunkenness in the absence of the cantina than when it was in existence. General Corbin therefore urges the re-establishment of the cantina.

Assistant Land Commissioner Richards returned today from a vacation spent in Wyoming. He reports the western states generally in a flourishing condition and predicts a general republican victory at the approaching election. People generally support the republican administration in view of the prevailing prosperity.

F. H. Newell, chief hydrographer of the geological survey, has returned from the west, where he went to select sites for irrigation reservoirs. He will submit his selections to the secretary of the interior and if they meet the secretary's approval the sites will in all probability be utilized at once. Among the sites selected are the following: One on Big Horn river, Wyoming; Sweetwater, Wyoming; Grand river and Gunnison river, Colorado.

BOTHA IS LOYAL TO BRITAIN

Complains that Ignorance in England Forces Foreign Appeals for Aid to Boers.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—The Contemporary Review publishes an article by General Botha, in which he insists upon the loyalty of the Boers to Great Britain. He expresses regret that the language of some of their continental appeals has been misinterpreted and reiterates his fervent desire to cooperate with the British government in smoothing over the effects of the war.

General Botha says it is humiliating to have to appeal to foreigners for funds to aid his countrymen and he believes if Englishmen realized the pitiable conditions of their vanquished foes there would be no need to make appeals for help.

In conclusion, he urges a complete amnesty, which should remove the most potent cause of estrangements between Britons and Boers.

SWAYNE IS SAFE IN BERBERA

No Further Movement to Be Made Until British Force is Much Larger.

ADEN, Arabia, Oct. 30.—Colonel Swayne, the British commissioner in Somaliland, has reached Berbera in safety. His wounded men are doing well. No further movement of the British troops against the Mad Mullah will be made until a large force is collected, which will be about two months hence.

There is no doubt that the Somaliland levies showed the white feather in the recent fighting with the Mullah's followers. Colonel Cobbe is in command at Bohote, Somaliland, where the guns have arrived. The garrison there is not threatened.

BOLIVIER IN GREAT DANGER

City Likely to Be Bombarded and Fears Expressed for Safety of Europeans.

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, Oct. 30.—The Venezuelan transport Osean, towing a schooner loaded with troops, is proceeding hence toward the Orinoco river. It is believed here that the vessels will meet there the Venezuelan war ships Bolivar, Recaudador and Zumbador and that they will renew the bombardment of the city of Bolivar, where there are a number of Europeans, for whose safety great fears are expressed.

SUCCOR STARVING REBELS

Haitian Government Throws Them in Jail, Where Food is Free.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Oct. 30.—Forty followers of General Poincaré, the revolutionary leader, and five members of the Chamber of Deputies who were left without means of support by him at Mathewtown, Inagua island, Bahamas, have returned to Port au Prince.

With the exception of the deputies they were all imprisoned.

DAWSON RETURNS TO VOTE

Council Bluffs Man Talks of Conditions Prevailing in Brazil.

THOMPSON WILL FIND A WARM WELCOME

Coming Report of Adjutant General Corbin Will Recommend the Re-establishment of the Army Canteen.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas C. Dawson, secretary of the American legation to Brazil, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Washington today. Mr. Dawson stopped in Washington to pay his respects to Secretary Hay and intends to leave for his former home, Council Bluffs, tomorrow.

"I have sixty days' leave of absence," said Mr. Dawson, "and really my chief aim at present is to get home to cast my vote. I have been away from home, off and on, for many years, but have generally managed to return at least every few years to exercise my right of franchise in my home town."

Mr. Dawson came from Brazil by way of Cherbourg, France. "There is an English line," he said, "running direct from Rio to New York, but the conditions are inferior and there have been accidents and delays innumerable. Therefore I preferred what seemed the longer route via Cherbourg, thence to New York by the American line. I hope that ere long the circuit by way of Europe will not be necessary and that we will have direct communication with South America under American management."

Mr. Dawson only heard of the transfer of Minister Bryan to Switzerland and the appointment of Mr. Thompson to Rio on his arrival in France. As to this change, Mr. Dawson said: "The transfer was a complete surprise to Mr. Bryan. He has been anxious to secure a European post for some time and I am sure he is grateful at being named to such a delightful place as Brazil. He has well earned the change by his four years' hard and exacting work in Brazil. Mr. Thompson will find many friends already made for him and will be warmly welcomed by the Brazilian government and people."

There are great business opportunities in Brazil," concluded Mr. Dawson, "rubber forests, coffee plantations, corn lands, electric power installations, mines, etc., and people there will welcome American capital and enterprise when they begin to be turned toward foreign countries. Careful, intelligent insight into commercial relations of North and South America will be vastly helpful to both countries."

CORBIN FAVORS THE CANTEEN.

The annual report of Adjutant General Corbin, to be made public shortly, contains a strong recommendation for the re-establishment of the army canteen. Special attention is called to the reports of general officers of the army on the health and morals of soldiers. These reports all indicate an increased number of desertions and that more men have been tried for drunkenness in the absence of the cantina than when it was in existence. General Corbin therefore urges the re-establishment of the cantina.

ARRESTED FOR LOANING CASH

Cashier of Equitable Life Charged with Embezzlement Says He Lent Money.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Cornelius T. Griffiths, acting cashier of the District of Columbia and Maryland branch of the Equitable Life Assurance company, and until three weeks ago cashier in full charge of the local office, was arrested tonight, accused of embezzling \$4,500. The arrest was made on complaint of Joseph Rowes, cashier of the Baltimore branch of the company. Griffiths said of the accusation tonight: "It was not really an embezzlement. I loaned the money to agents of the company who needed funds. They want to go back on me and did not make good when they said they would."

OSCAR WON'T FIX CASH DUE

Samoan Award Reaches Washington, but Says Nothing as to Payment.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The full text of the decision of King Oscar in the Samoan case has reached Washington. As indicated in the cable advices, the decision is adverse to the contention of the United States and Great Britain, that their sailors were properly used to repress the rebels.

The judgment is on the one point of responsibility, but the arbitrator has not yet fixed the amount of the money liability, which must now be determined by him.

GIRL DECLINES DOCTORS

Suffering from Typhoid She Persists as Christian Scientist in Refusing Medical Aid.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Miss Louise Hope, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes Hoge of Evanston, Ill., has been ill with typhoid fever for some days. The Hoge family are Christian Scientists and, despite the wishes of the family she was visiting, she declined to call in a physician.

ENGINEER KILLED IN WRECK

Two Unknown Trains Also Meet Death in Accident on the Monon Route.

OXFORD, O., Oct. 30.—The express for Chicago over the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and the Monon routes, collided with two runaway freight cars here last night, wrecking the engine, baggage car and mail cars.

Engineer Edward Conn and two unknown trains were killed. The wrecked cars were burned. None of the passenger coaches left the track and none of the sixty passengers were hurt, although all were badly shaken.

The freight cars were detached from a train that took the siding here to allow the Chicago express to pass, and had gained terrific speed when they struck the passenger train.

CRUISER IS IN QUARANTINE

Yellow Fever Places Montgomery Under Yellow Flag at Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The Navy department has notified that the cruiser Montgomery is in quarantine at San Juan, Porto Rico. It has just returned from a visit to Colombia and a case of yellow fever has appeared among the crew.

TWO DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

Has Implicated Makes Complete Confession of His Part in Chicago Tax Frauds.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—The Daily News says: The State's Attorney Deane and his uncle, Police Inspector Wheeler, Luke Wheeler, the convicted tax faker, has revealed in all its ramifications the gigantic plot that collapsed with the discovery of the Masonic Temple tax frauds.

Tomorrow, unless the present program is changed, Wheeler will be before the grand jury and in a formal declaration, under oath, reiterate the statements made to the prosecutor.

Wheeler's confession places him in a new light and if accepted literally removes from him the stigma of the charge of buffoonery up a defense with the tombstone of the dead. The conspiracy, or rather the series of conspiracies, drove two men to suicide, according to the confession.

According to Wheeler, the Masonic Temple fraud was merely incidental to an extensive series of operations, reaching back into the past and made possible through lax methods, coupled with a desire on the part of the responsible prominent business houses to evade taxation.

FIGHT FOR LOW CATTLE RATE

Chicago Live Stock Exchange Claims Interstate Commerce Orders Are Disregarded.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Subpoenas were served today for a hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission in Chicago on November 6. The complaint is made by the Chicago Live Stock exchange to the effect that orders made by the commission are being violated by the western roads and that cattle interests are being discriminated against in the matter of rates.

The following were summoned to appear at the hearing: E. B. Boyd of the Rock Island, M. C. Markham of the Illinois Central, Darius Miller of the Burlington and J. V. Mahoney, chairman of the western trunk line committee. One or two others will be served as soon as they return to the city.

Over 1,500 men have been put to work constructing eighteen miles of what will be a fifty-mile line, from Red Bank to New Castle, thoroughly opening the monster tract, it is the expectation that this road, known as the Western Allegheny, will become an important link in the Pennsylvania system to relieve the freight congestion of the Pittsburgh district.

GENERAL BELL CALLED THIEF

Manila Newspaper Sued for Saying He Tried to Steal Public Money.

MANILA, Oct. 30.—Libel proceedings have been instituted against the Libertas, a Spanish newspaper published in Manila, on account of an article attacking General J. Franklin Bell and his plan of aiding the people of Batangas and La Luna, Luzon, at the expense of the government.

This plan was put into effect after the cessation of hostilities. It consisted of selling rice and supplying seeds and farm implements and resulted in profits amounting to \$28,000.

The residents of all the towns in Batangas petitioned General Bell to take steps to have his plan of aid continued. General Bell thereupon decided to place the \$28,000 in his possession in the hands of the commission and it will be expended among the people whence it was derived.

After this transfer of funds had been made Libertas published an article charging General Bell with an attempt to steal this fund and take it with him to the United States, but saying the commission had forced him to surrender the money.

IRON FIRMS FORM TRUST

Twenty Million Dollars Capital Allowed to Malleable Foundries' Combination.

SHARON, Pa., Oct. 30.—A combine of malleable iron plants has been formed. The National Malleable Casting company, owning plants at Sharon, Toledo, Cleveland and Indianapolis and Chicago, refused to enter, with two other concerns.

The capital of the new concern is placed at \$20,000,000. The firms involved are: Pratt & Hensworth, Buffalo, N. Y.; Michigan Malleable Iron company, Detroit, Mich.; Whiteley Malleable Iron company, Muncie, Ind.; Chicago Malleable Casting company, West Pullman, Ill.; Moline Malleable Iron company, St. Charles, Ill.

AGREE AS TO CHAIN PRICES

Makers Combine to Form Association and Enter into Gentlemen's Agreement.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 30.—The independent chain manufacturers of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and some points in the east have formed the Chain Manufacturers' association, for the purpose of maintaining prices, and have adopted a "gentlemen's agreement."

SMALLPOX VISITS SCHOOL

Evanston Pupils Are Sent Home to Escape Ravages of Dread Disease.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Twenty-four cases of smallpox have been discovered among the pupils of St. Nicholas German Catholic school of Evanston, Ill.

STOCK YARDS TO COMBINE

Gigantic Merger with Hundred Million Capital is Now Afoot.

PACKERS WILL ORGANIZE COMPANY FIRST

Afterward Same Firms Will Amalgamate Yards in Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, St. Joseph, St. Louis and Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: Two big consolidations are planned by beef interests. The packers will combine first, and then effect a merger of all the stock yards in the country.

With the exception of the Chicago stock yards, which are controlled in Boston, all the properties involved are owned and controlled by the owners of the principal beef packing interests.

The different yards that will probably be included in the deal, aside from the Chicago yards, are those at South Omaha, Kansas City, East St. Louis, St. Joseph, Fort Worth and Sioux City.

The Armour interest is probably the largest in the Kansas City yards. The Armour, Swift and Morris control the East St. Louis yards, the Swifts own the St. Joseph yards, the Armour and Swifts own the Fort Worth yards, the Arnouxs, Swifts and Cudahys control the Omaha yards and the Swifts control at Sioux City.

While the control of the Chicago yards is held in Boston, the Chicago packers have large holdings of the stock also and their recommendations would undoubtedly have great weight with the eastern capitalists.

The plan for consolidating the various stock yards has not progressed as yet to a point where the amount of stock required has been more than discussed. It would undoubtedly run well to \$100,000,000, exclusive of the amount required for the packing companies' combination, which is said to be \$50,000,000.

TO OPEN IMPORTANT MINES

Venture is in Western Pennsylvania and Output Expected to Reach 120,000 Tons Daily.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 30.—Work had just been started on a most important mining venture in western Pennsylvania. Guffey and Queen, the well known oil producers, associated with the old Carnegie Steel company interests, have formed the Great Lakes Coal company, with \$5,000,000 capital, have acquired 25,000 acres of coal near Brady's Bend, have begun the opening of ten large mines and will open five more, giving them a daily output of 120,000 tons.

It is the intention of the company to export aggressively in the Great Lakes coal trade during the coming spring and preparations have already been made to stock the coal in the coming spring and ship it at the opening of navigation to Conneaut harbor over the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Friday and Saturday.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

APPOINTS BOARD OF REVIEW

W. J. Hunter and Victor Rosewater Will Act with Tax Commissioner Fleming.

At a special meeting held at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the city council unanimously approved Mayor Moore's appointment of William J. Hunter and Victor Rosewater as members of the Board of Review. William J. Hunter is the well known grocer whose place of business is on North Twenty-fourth street, while Victor Rosewater is on the editorial staff of The Bee.

The two members of the Board of Review named by the mayor will act with the tax commissioner in adjusting the current tax levy on real and personal property. Tax Commissioner Fleming has said that he has material in his hands whereby the tax lists may be increased by millions of dollars if the board so disposed.

The schedules to be returned by the four franchise corporations—the gas, street railway, telephone and water works companies—and the banks were sent out on Friday last with the request that they be returned within ten days, which would mean their due on November 3, and the limit of time for the completion of the assessment is November 14. Thus far the work has progressed well, and Mr. Fleming stated yesterday that he expected the greater portion of it would be finished within a few days.

Burt Murray was appointed supervisor of registration in the Sixth district of the Ninth ward to serve in place of H. E. Bell, who is by reason of illness unable to serve.

SIX INJURED IN BIG BLAZE

Minneapolis Fire Causes Heavy Damage and Hurts Half Dozen Men.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 30.—Six firemen were injured at midnight in a blaze that entailed a damage estimated at \$250,000. The six-story building occupied by the Minneapolis Paper company and owned by J. C. Oswald & Co. was gutted. The stock, valued at \$200,000, was insured.

Captain George Smith was leading a squad of men up a ladder on an adjoining structure on First avenue, when the ladder broke, precipitating six men to the ground. Captain Smith suffered internal injuries that may prove fatal. Firemen George Cheaney and Frank Hensik were also badly hurt.

The other three firemen were able to reach the hospital without assistance. Several adjoining buildings were ignited, but the efforts of the department succeeded in practically confining the damage to the J. C. Oswald & Co. building.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 31.—The stock of H. F. Strall & Co., coffee, tea and spice importers, was destroyed. The loss of this firm is estimated at \$300,000. The fire department now puts the total damage at less than \$200,000.

OMAHA MAN MAKES BAD LOAN

Debtor in Jail on Murder Charge and Wants Authorities to Pay Him.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Deputy Assistant District Attorney Fechner said today that George Ohem of Omaha had complained to him that he loaned Louis Disbrow, indicted on a charge of murdering Mrs. Lawrence and Bert Foster, \$1,200 five months ago on Disbrow's declaration that he was the son of wealthy parents and that he could repay him. Ohem had never been paid and he asked Mr. Fechner what could be done for him.

Mr. Fechner said that the Queen county authorities, Ohem says, that the authorities were responsible for the debt, but refuses to state on what grounds he bases his claim. The chances are that his money is lost.

SHOT FOR NOT MARRYING

Double Divorce and Refusal to Wed Leads to Murder and Suicide.

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 30.—Frederick Roberts, owner of a foundry at Salt Lake City, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Charles A. Cooper at a lodging house in this city shortly before noon and afterward committed suicide.

The cause of the tragedy is said to have been Mrs. Cooper's refusal to marry Roberts. Mrs. Cooper was recently divorced from Charles E. Cooper, now of Wyoming. She was named as co-respondent in a divorce suit brought at Salt Lake City about a year ago by Mrs. Roberts, but this charge was subsequently withdrawn and Mrs. Roberts obtained a divorce on the ground of cruelty and desertion.

STUDENTS' STRIKE SETTLED

Lansing College Boys Accept Offer of Faculty to Retire Case.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 30.—A mass meeting