

MINERS' CASE TO CLOSE

Plaintiff Side of Strike Controversy Ends Tomorrow.

OPERATORS WILL MAKE JOINT SPEECH

Decide to Combine Opening Effort in Single Appeal Before Proceeding to Call Witnesses Before Commission at Scranton.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 13.—The miners called witnesses today before the strike commission to show the conditions in the Philadelphia & Reading company's pits.

Eight witnesses were called and the principal grievance presented was that some men who went on strike were discriminated against.

Among those giving evidence was Mr. Mitchell.

The miners will probably close their case on Monday, when the coal companies will present a joint opening argument.

Mr. Mitchell yesterday presented figures, gathered by his agents, showing a lower average wage rate than those handed to the commission by the Delaware & Hudson company.

Mr. Torrey criticized many of Mr. Mitchell's figures and finally said that almost anything could be shown by juggling figures.

Mr. Torrey next tried to place the responsibility for the strike on Mr. Mitchell.

Witness said it appeared as though at the time it was inaugurated, but favored one later in the year.

Mitchell Concludes Testimony.

Counsel for the independent operators asked Mr. Mitchell if the operators made a contract with the miners in which there was a clause providing for noninterference with nonunion men, whether the union would enforce the contract.

Mr. Mitchell said: "So long as we have no contracts or joint conferences we are not willing to tell in advance what we will agree to."

The miners' president concluded by explaining the union's trade autonomy.

He said the United Mine Workers exercised jurisdiction over all employees in and about the mines.

If the engineers, firemen and pumpmen each had a separate organization and one of these classes struck it would close down everything.

Last year 400 firemen did strike and thereby cost 60,000 mine workers out of employment.

All classes were in one organization they could act together.

A breaker boy aged 10 was called and said he received 6 cents a day, but last month he only got 25 cents, the remainder being kept by the Delaware & Hudson company for rent.

He said he knew of one boy who received only 1 cent in a month. When he applied for work he misrepresented his age, but his mother has since given the company his correct age.

Practically the entire afternoon session was taken up by witnesses, who are, or have been, employed by the Reading company.

No Pay for Repair Work.

One man complained that he was not getting regular pay for repair work, another said there were two sizes of cars where he worked and only one price for both; another, who lost his leg, complained that he was taken off light work and given heavy work.

The men who did not get work after the strike gave as the company's reason that they took a too prominent part in the strike.

James Torrey, counsel for the Delaware & Hudson, presented the corrected summary of that company's figures, which showed that wages were higher than paid in the bituminous regions.

These figures were examined and found correct on December 4 and certified to by James Marwick for the miners and A. A. Culver, comptroller of the company.

A life insurance agent was called to give the life insurance rate for miners and persons employed in other occupations. The rates for miners were high.

FINDS HONOR IN OWN TOWN

Mitchell, the Miners' Leader, Will Be Feted at Home Town in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, will arrive in Chicago tomorrow and will be given an enthusiastic reception by local labor men.

He is on his way to his home town, Spring Valley, Ill., which has set Monday apart as a holiday in his honor.

Labor unions from all the neighboring towns will send delegations to join in the procession at Spring Valley. From Chicago will go a representative body, headed by Thomas L. Kidd, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, and George V. Lightfall, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Mass meetings are to be held in the afternoon and evening, at which Mr. Mitchell is to be the chief speaker.

NEW GAME FOR MISSOURIANS

Young Man Representing Himself from Omaha Takes Up a Niece Collection.

A correspondent at Easton, Mo., hastens to inform The Bee that one E. G. Wells, introducing himself as a representative of a library association of Omaha, has "horn-swoggled" the Easton populace out of \$225 and a \$10 hotel bill, which financial reverse falls so heavily upon the town that it won't be able to have much of a Christmas nor to celebrate the Fourth for three years to come.

According to the correspondent, Wells appeared in Easton at noon Wednesday and went away Friday night, at which latter time "the people realized that they had been swindled."

His plan, the correspondent further states, was to solicit \$10 contributions to a fund which should secure for the town a branch of a free library institution which had been organized "in order that the people of the west could read books without the payment of a cent."

The correspondent further states that Wells received cash contributions from nearly every business man in the city and gave receipts, but that the receipts have been discovered to be worthless, as a message from Omaha has informed the Eastonites that Wells is an impostor and not connected with any library association in the Nebraska metropolis at the present time.

Another \$10 loss is that of the landlord, whom Wells is said to have failed to pay before leaving.

Wells is described as having good height, good clothes, black eyes and a former connection with the Goodyear Rubber company. The exact means or method of this connection is not described. He is about 35 years old.

Effect of Horse Races.

Washington Star: "I don't know what there is about betting on horse races that should be so deleterious to health," said young Mrs. Torkins, pensively.

"I never heard of such a thing," answered the visitor.

"Neither did I until I heard Charley talking about it. Every time he makes a bet he comes home and says there is something wrong with his system."

TEG Boat Company Libels Vessel.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Puget Sound Tug Boat company yesterday libeled the French ship Ernest Rover for \$12 for towing charges. The company claims it had a contract with the owner of the ship, residing in Nantes, France, for the towing of the vessel in and out of Tacoma and Seattle and that the captain of the vessel refused the company's service.

The suit of the company brings up the question as to whether the master of a vessel has authority upon arriving off Flattery, to disregard the owner's instructions. In the event he deems it advisable for any reason to make new arrangements.

Jacksonian Club Election.

As a result of an election held last evening by the Jacksonian club at their rooms on Farnam street, the following officers were elected: President, Fred H. Cosgrove; vice president, E. E. Howell; secretary, W. H. Kelliger of Auburn and Waldo Winterstein of Fremont; secretary, Ed P. Beryman; treasurer, John Murphy; financial secretary, John A. Rine; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Sherry. The Australian system of ballot was used and the polls were open from 6 till 9 in the evening. There were 17 votes cast, with only one ticket in the field.

Attend the great receiver's sale at Bennett's; it waits your arbitration.

Seasonable Fashions.

4259 Shirt Waist, \$2 to 40 bust. 4223 Seven Gored Flare Skirt, 22 to 30 waist.

Shirt Waist, 4259; Seven Gored Flare Skirt, 4223—Shirt waists of silk and fine woolen fabrics are much worn with plain contrasting skirts upon all occasions of simple dressing. This stylish model is of French bannel in shades of green and white and is worn with a skirt of black tulle, simply trimmed with piped bands, but is suited to all the season's materials. As shown the stripes are cut bias in the back front, but if preferred they can be made perpendicular, as are those in the yoke and center fronts. The foundation lining for the waist is snugly fitted and is in every way desirable where wool or silk is used, but can be omitted whenever an unlined waist is preferred. The fronts of the waist proper are tucked for their entire length and are extended to form the yoke or shoulder straps and are joined to side portions that are tucked for a few inches only below their upper edge. The back, however, is simply plain and the closing is effected through a regulation box plait at the center front. The sleeves are in shirt style, with the straight narrow cuffs closing at the outside that are the favorites of the season. At the neck is a stock elongated at the front to give a bishop suggestion.

The skirt is cut in seven gores that are shaped to avoid all fullness at the belt, yet to flare with freedom below the knees. The back seam is lapped and closed with buttons and buttonholes, but it can be closed to placket depth and the closing made invisibly when preferred. The upper edge can be finished with a belt or cut on dip outline and underlined or bound.

The waist pattern 4259 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-inch bust measure. The skirt pattern 4223 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30-inch waist measure.

For the accommodation of the Bee readers, these patterns, which usually retail at from 25 to 50 cents, will be furnished at a nominal price, 10 cents, which covers all expense. In order to get a pattern enclose 10 cents, give number and name of pattern wanted and bust measure.

DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEYS

Mr. English Says He Has Made Only One Selection at This Time.

It had been expected in some quarters that James F. English would announce yesterday the names of those who are to serve as his deputies after he becomes county attorney, January 8, but to a Bee reporter Mr. English stated yesterday that he had not made up his selections yet and would give out no name except that of George Magney, who was recently appointed by County Attorney Shields to succeed Elmer Thomas, and who will be continued in office. Mr. English stated that the announcement

NASH WANTS A FREE FOR ALL

President of Electric Light Company Talks on Power Schemes.

DENIES COMPANY IS OBSTRUCTIONIST

Objects to Exclusion Franchise, but Would Leave Field Open to Any Company Which Can Finance Enterprise.

President F. A. Nash of the new Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Light company has given the following interview on the power franchise question.

"It has been openly charged that all of the opposition against the proposed ordinance granting the Rosewater franchise for the development of water power emanates from our company, that we are fighting the ordinance on the ground that we are fearful of future competition. These statements are so manifestly untrue and unfair to our company that I deem it necessary to make a full explanation of the situation as it actually is in order that the public may have a correct understanding.

"As is well known, I have devoted more time during the last year to the furtherance of these projects and the enlistment of eastern capital than all others combined. Some months ago our company employed an expert hydraulic engineer of national reputation to make a thorough examination of all of the proposed water-power developments in order to arrive at a correct understanding as to which was the most practical. Examination was made of the following schemes, viz: The Nebraska Irrigation company scheme, which contemplates taking the water directly from the Loup river; the Fremont power and canal scheme, the Plattsmouth power scheme, the Seymour park and water power scheme, the Hamilton scheme and the Rosewater scheme.

"A full and very comprehensive report of all of these various schemes was made by the engineer, which was submitted to the eastern capitalists considering the matter. It was well understood by the various parties in interest that a certain amount of aid would be given to the most practical scheme, but it was expected that these parties would be able to secure a share of the necessary capital by their own efforts in placing a bond issue. As a result of this understanding several of the different organizations bending every effort to get such strength as they could to enable them to finance their projects. The granting of a special franchise to any one interest will of necessity compel all others to withdraw from the field for an indefinite period, which may extend to three years' time. Several of the schemes mentioned have a complete business organization, water rights fully confirmed and some capital, at least one of them having practically secured \$1,000,000 to further their enterprise.

Waiting on Finance.

"Up to the time when it became known that the company referred to had made this progress no effort had been made by any of these parties to secure a franchise, under the supposition that no franchise would be asked for or granted until a good showing could be made of financial ability to carry out the enterprise, and Mr. Rosewater's actions certainly have the appearance of being in line of securing a franchise which will compel all others to withdraw from the field. Mr. Rosewater does not claim to have any of the necessary requisites, with the possible exception of water rights, which are now being contested in the courts by a rival enterprise.

"The representatives of all of the various water power schemes will bear me out in the statement that it has been the policy of the company I represent to encourage all of them, without the least prejudice for or against any particular scheme, leaving the question of selection to be based entirely on its greatest practicability.

"The question confronts the citizens of Omaha as to whether they will, by intelligent investigation of the entire subject, do what is in their power to encourage and facilitate the development of a water power that, as is admitted, will give great benefit to our city, or whether they will place in the hands of one individual a franchise which will enable him to drive all other interests from the field.

"If it is deemed expedient to grant a franchise as an inducement to the construction of a water power, such franchise certainly should not be granted to any individual interest solely for promotion purposes, but should be made open to any legitimate effort capable of accepting its terms, to which end this company will heartily co-operate in the future as it has in the past."

RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON

John L. Webster Receives Compliments on Legal Work While at Capital.

John L. Webster returned yesterday from Washington, where he has been for some time on legal business, and where Senator Millard made application for his appointment as a member of the Isthmus Canal commission.

While in Washington Mr. Webster received many compliments from the officers of the interior department for the successful result of the Omaha mixed blood cases, in which he, as special counsel for the government, won twenty-three out of twenty-five suits. The department had little hope of winning when the cases were started, and the suits were of great importance, as had the Omaha half-bloods succeeded generally in establishing their rights large parts of the government domain could have been entered upon and held by Indians of other tribes. For these reasons the department was deeply interested in the matter and went to the length of employing a special attorney.

Mr. Webster said that the Nebraskans temporarily at Washington seemed to be more interested in the fencing question than in any other, but this did not seem to interest parties generally at the capital.

PACKERS HAVE COAL COMING

Not Likely that Any of the South Omaha Plants Will Shut Down.

The coal situation at South Omaha is serious, but the managers of the local packing houses do not believe they will be forced to suspend operations because of lack of fuel. While all stocks are very low, each house has enough coal to last until Monday at least.

At Armour's it was said that the company had succeeded in getting coal in Kansas and a part of the purchase is en route, to arrive early next week.

The Cudahy company reported the same general condition, but that it had secured coal in Illinois, now on the cars, to arrive Monday.

The Swift Company has purchased in Missouri and that coal is also on the road. The condition at the Omaha plant is about the same as at Armour's, but the Omaha manager has been upon the local market buying wherever he could secure a quantity large enough to make it an object. He bought on the local market Friday night.

Sensational Sale Musical Instruments



Hayden Bros. announce a gigantic sale on Pianos and Organs and all other Musical Instruments

In order to make a display of our magnificent line of holiday instruments we are compelled to reduce the price on everything from a violin string to a grand piano. Monday morning is the time, Hayden Bros is the place. Parties expecting to purchase a piano, organ, guitar, violin, mandolin, banjo, accordion, cornet, clarinet, piccolos, flutes, talking machines, zither, autoharps, music, rolls, music satchels, concertinos, leather cases, wooden cases, canvas cases, a sheet of music, in fact anything in the way of musical merchandise should take advantage of the remarkable low prices we are making for the next 10 days.

We especially call your attention to the extraordinary low prices we are making in Pianos. We merely mention a few of the many bargains in store for you.

1 Upright Piano 65 00 1 Upright Piano 110 00 1 Upright Piano 145 00 1 Upright Piano 175 00
1 Upright Piano 75 00 1 Upright Piano 125 00 1 Upright Piano 155 00 1 Upright Piano 185 00
1 Upright Piano 85 00 1 Upright Piano 135 00 1 Upright Piano 165 00 1 Upright Piano 195 00
1 Upright Piano 95 00 In addition to the above mentioned we have a very large assortment of the World's Famous Chickering, Fischer, Decker, Wegman, Conover, Cable, Haines, Estey, Jacob Dodd, Franklin, Keller, Kingsbury, Price and Temple & Wellington Pianos. A large line of Estey and Chicago Cottage Organs on sale.

1 Guitar 1 98 1 Guitar 6 00 1 Mandolin 1 95 1 Mandolin 6 00
1 Guitar 2 25 1 Guitar 6 50 1 Mandolin 2 50 1 Mandolin 6 50
1 Guitar 2 75 1 Guitar 7 00 1 Mandolin 3 50 1 Mandolin 7 50
1 Guitar 3 50 1 Guitar 7 50 1 Mandolin 4 00 1 Mandolin 8 50
1 Guitar 3 85 1 Guitar 8 00 1 Mandolin 4 50 1 Mandolin 9 00
1 Guitar 4 50 1 Guitar 9 00 1 Mandolin 5 00 1 Mandolin 9 50
1 Guitar 5 00 1 Guitar 10 00 1 Mandolin 5 50 1 Mandolin 10 00

Also a complete line Washburn and Bruno Guitars and Mandolins.

1 Violin 1 50 1 Violin 7 50 1 Violin 25 00 1 Accordion 2 00
1 Violin 2 50 1 Violin 8 50 1 Violin 30 00 1 Accordion 3 00
1 Violin 3 50 1 Violin 9 50 1 Violin 35 00 1 Accordion 3 50
1 Violin 4 50 1 Violin 12 50 1 Accordion98c 1 Accordion 4 50
1 Violin 5 50 1 Violin 15 00 1 Accordion 5 00
1 Violin 6 50 1 Violin 20 00 1 Accordion 1 50 1 Accordion 6 50

Violin Cases HAYDEN BROS. Telephone 1683.

Violin Cases—Brown canvas, lined with flannel, good quality, 75c. Black wooden case, with lock, 85c.

Leather Violin Cases. Black, covered with bebbled cloth of all pieces lined leather, handles with nickel springs, clasps and lock, \$2.48. Leather covered, full plush lined, leather handles, nickel lock and spring clasp, black or orange, \$3.75. A very large stock of Guitar, Banjo and Mandolin Leather Cases on sale.

THE GREAT PIANO SALE IS AT 1408 Douglas-st, D. H. BALDWIN & CO. GIVING AWAY THE DEALERS' PROFITS

There is DISTINCTIVE REFINEMENT in the BALDWIN TONE. There is EXCLUSIVE ELEGANCE in BALDWIN ART DESIGNS. They are PAR EXCELLENCE ARTISTIC PIANOS FOR THE REFINED, EXCLUSIVE HOME.

Used by the world's greatest artists. Honored by the world's greatest experts, Grand Prix, Paris, 1900.

NEVER IN OMAHA'S HISTORY have such values been offered in

GOOD PIANOS CASH OR EASY TERMS

The Great Piano Sale Is at 1408 Douglas St D. H. Baldwin & Co. J. J. HUSTON, Manager.

"FOLLOW THE FLAG" ALL POINTS SOUTH

Lv. Omaha, Daily, 5:55 P. M. Ar. St. Louis, 7:00 A. M.

NEW STEEL RAILS, NEW EQUIPMENT, SOLID ROAD BED

Special rates daily to all winter resorts. City office, 1611 Farnam Street. HARRY E. MOORES, G. A. F. D., Omaha, Neb.



GIVE ME YOUR MONEY SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE HIM A PRESENT.

NECKWEAR MUFFLERS UMBRELLAS GLOVES HOSIERY HANDKERCHIEFS ETC. ETC.

BLACK, The \$2.50 Hatter, 107 SOUTH 16TH STREET.

A HAT makes a very nice Christmas Present



Personally Conducted Florida Excursion VIA "Dixie Flyer" Route

On Tuesday, January 6th, an excursion will be run from Nebraska to Florida—with through sleeping cars from Omaha and Lincoln, via Burlington Route to St. Louis and the "Dixie Flyer" Route from there to Jacksonville.

This excursion will be a personally conducted one and will be in charge of Mr. Geo. W. Bonnell, C. T. A., B. & M. R. R., Lincoln, Neb., who is thoroughly familiar with the points of interest enroute and in the state of Florida.

As you pass through Cairo, Martin, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Macon, and make a 12-hour stop-over at Chattanooga, where an experienced guide will conduct the party through Chattanooga Park, pay a visit to Lookout Mountain and other points of interest, the trip will be an interesting and instructive one.

An early application for sleeping car space is suggested. Ask for copy of illustrated booklet outlining the trip at 1442 Farnam St., or write W. H. BRILL, Dist. Pass. Agt Illinois Central Railroad, Omaha, Neb.

The Best for Grip and Colds—Howell's Anti-Grip Capsules

TEN DAYS TRIAL. Special rates daily to all winter resorts. City office, 1611 Farnam Street. HARRY E. MOORES, G. A. F. D., Omaha, Neb. For sale by Howell Drug Co., 16th and Capitol Avenue. \$1c a box.