

which the state superintendent shall provide.

"This is the opening wedge for the school book trust," said Senator Pemberton. "If we allow the state superintendent to name the course, the next thing will be allowing him to name the textbooks."

Anderson of Illinois opened the argument of the opposition by offering this amendment: "Provided, that no change in textbooks is required."

The amendment was finally carried and the bill ordered engrossed. The bill and a bitter opposition, which was made the more bitter because a representative of a school book trust was in the auditor of the senate on a recent date.

During the debate Sheldon of Cass, in answer to the argument advanced by Harrison of Holt that the power of following the instructions of the state superintendent was discretionary with the school board, said: "If that is the case why is this provision in the bill? Provided, that school boards have the right to include other branches in the course of study with the advice and consent of the county superintendent."

The debate occupied most of the afternoon, but it was no more heated than the debate on the repealing of the act providing for bounty to be paid for the killing of wild animals.

Anderson, who introduced the bill, said on the books of the auditor were \$484,314 claims aggregating \$39,000, and that these claims were increasing at the rate of \$30 a day.

Brown of Kossuth and Hasty of Furnas lead in opposition to repealing the act.

Bills on General File.

The following bills were placed on general file: H. R. 49, to provide for school districts in metropolitan cities paying for cost of bond for treasurer.

H. R. 52, providing for making five-year contract for purchase of text books by school districts.

H. R. 53, relating to qualifications of teachers.

H. R. 54, relating to notice of annual school meetings.

H. R. 55, relating to printing report of state superintendent.

H. R. 56, relating to establishment of public school system.

H. R. 57, providing for payment of bond of treasurers of school board by school district.

S. F. 15, an act providing for compiling abstracts of title deeds.

S. F. 21, providing for the publishing of statutes.

S. F. 23, providing for the procedure against tenants holding on.

S. F. 27, providing for appeals to supreme court.

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ered the previous day, for which reason the bill ought to be again considered.

House of Hall then delivered a curtain lecture on attending to business. He said that while a member had a right to sit in his seat asleep during the session, he ought not to ask for a reconsideration of those matters he missed while thus indulging.

He opposed reconsideration, not, he explained, that he was for this bill, for, as he admitted, he did not fully understand the scope and effect of the measure.

This afforded Wilson a good opening, which was readily taken advantage of by the retort, that, "although the gentleman from Hall was a wide-awake member, he himself admitted he did not fully understand the bill, and therefore was offering good argument for reconsideration."

Morgan and Sweeney argued for reconsideration and Tooley, the introducer of the bill, spoke against it. The roll call showed 50 for and 44 against the motion, which required two-thirds for passage, was lost.

In the course of his remarks Sweeney, who is a member of the joint revenue committee, served notice on the house that he would withdraw from this committee if the house did not quit considering and acting on important matters while he was out attending to his committee work.

Bill is Practically Killed. The other wrangle was over the action on H. R. 74, by Ten Eyck of Douglas, providing that instruments affecting real estate are of no force until delivered to the register of deeds for record.

Douglas of Boone made a motion to reconsider the action of the house in accepting the vote of the committee of the whole by which the bill was recommended for passage.

House of Hall offered a motion that the report of the committee be not concurred in and that the bill be recommended for indefinite postponement.

Ten Eyck, as introducer of the bill, moved as a substitute motion, that H. R. 74 be referred to the judiciary committee.

The speaker ruled this motion out of order on parliamentary grounds.

English then moved to amend Rouse's motion by having the bill referred to the judiciary committee, thus repeating the Ten Eyck motion, by seeking to evade the parliamentary obstacle.

There was method in the motion. Spurlock, who is one of the most forcible and effective members of the house, said he would support the motion.

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Senate adjourned at 12 o'clock until 2 o'clock. When the senate was called to order at the latter hour a quorum was not present.

STRIKE COMMISSION CLOSES

Last Word is Spoken and Arbitrators Now Have to Decide.

Darrow Presents Eloquent Plea Scores Markle's Cruelty and Wonders at Starving Miners' Self-Representation During Long Struggle to Uplift National Life.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—The coal strike commission, after being in continuous session for more than three months, closed its open hearings today.

The commission will meet in secret in Washington next Thursday and begin the consideration of the case, and it is expected that by the end of the month the decision will be announced.

The crowd that greeted Mr. Darrow when he resumed his closing argument today was by all accounts the largest that has gathered at the hearing since the strike began.

Mr. Darrow spent no time in preliminaries, and began his speech as soon as the session was opened. He first discussed the cause of the strike, placing the responsibility for the coal famine on those who were responsible for the strike.

He believed the strike was due to the "blind, automatic, stupid spirit of the operators." They believed the issue was who should be the masters, the operators or the men.

Mr. Darrow proceeded at some length to verify his assertion and quoted from the testimony of the late Arlo Pardee, a coal operator, before a congressional investigation twenty years ago, showing the alleged "blind spirit" of the operators.

After pleading for the weighing of coal wherever possible, Mr. Darrow discussed the issue of evicting thirteen persons for alleged criminal acts, and then took up Mr. Baer's sliding scale proposition.

With the audience in a ferment, Mr. Darrow told the miners' story, showing the 1 per cent raise on 5 cents suggested by Mr. Baer would give the operators an increase of 3 1/2 per cent in profits and the miners only 1 1/2 on the \$4.50 basis.

Reverting to the cause of the strike, he quoted from the replies of the operators last spring, when they refused to treat with the miners' union.

"It would be better," he continued, "for the industry and the country to have the heads of the coal companies and the representatives of the men meet face to face rather than by the individual workers going to the under-boss of the mine."

Then he read the communication from Mr. Mitchell before the strike, asking for arbitration, and declared "arbitration is the only means by which the coal famine can be maintained. Every appeal for every prayer of the men was contemptuously rejected by the operators."

Spurred with Contempt. "They spurned all our requests with contempt. We will not treat with you, but will send notices on our works, which shall be your contract for the coming year," they said.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 13.—Major General Adm. R. Chaffee, commanding the Department of East, today issued a general order that all general will leave tonight for Washington.

WONDER MINERS WERE NOT VIOLENT. Later on he again took up the question of violence and said it was a wonder, after the operators had insolently and cruelly rejected the requests of the men, that there was not more violence among a population reduced to a condition bordering on starvation.

He paid a tribute to the foreigners, whom he said were warm-hearted, emotional, sympathetic, religious people. It came with poor grace, he thought, for the operators to say that the Polish and Slovak whose labor they had taken for years, could not speak English and therefore were not a responsible party with whom they could make a contract.

He spoke of the strict adherence of the operators to the demand letter of the union which he contrasted with the moral law of humanity. Then he went on: "Conflicts between capital and labor will continue until these captains of industry respect their fellow men. It is idle, futile and useless to talk of curing it in any other way."

Next he took up the thirteen evictions on the Markle property and in strong language pictured the eviction of the sick wife and blind centenarian mother.

"You may roll together with the greedy and violence committed in the anthracite region," he exclaimed, "and you cannot equal the finished cruelty of John Markle when he turned these helpless people into the street, simply to satisfy his hellish hate."

PROTOCOLS ARE SIGNED

Allied Powers Agree as to Method of Venezuelan Settlement.

Blockade is to be Raised at Once Representatives of Powers and Empire Named by Roosevelt Settle All but Preferential Treatment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Mr. Bowen tonight signed with each of the three protocols providing for the immediate raising of the Venezuelan blockade and for the referendum of the question of preferential treatment to an arbitral tribunal.

At 11:30 Herbert Dering, first secretary of the British embassy, announced that the British protocol had just been signed and that the signatures of the Italian and German protocols would follow in the order named.

The British protocol was in English, the Italian in Italian, and the German in German and English.

Protocols Signed in Duplicate. Mr. Bowen signed in duplicate for Venezuela, Sir Michael Herbert for Great Britain, Signor Mayor Des Planches for Italy and Baron Von Sternberg for Germany.

Immediately after the signing of the last protocol cables were dispatched to London, Berlin and Rome announcing the fact. It is expected that the commanders of the blockading fleet will receive orders within the next twenty-four hours to withdraw their vessels.

The protocols also provide for the return of all Venezuelan vessels, war and merchant, which have been captured by the allied fleet.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy received advance payments of \$2,500 each, Great Britain receiving its payment on the signature of the protocol, Germany within thirty and sixty days from date, Germany, in addition, will receive five monthly payments until the amount paid in advance aggregates \$30,000.

As a guaranty for the satisfaction of their claims Mr. Bowen pledges the allied share with the other creditor nations in 30 per cent of the custom receipts of the two ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello. This percentage will be set aside beginning March 1 and retained in the Venezuelan treasury until the Hague tribunal decides whether it will be distributed without preference between the claimant nations, or whether Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive preferential payments.

Italy gains immediate payment of its first-class claims without further adjudication as soon as the joint commission at Caracas has passed on the remainder of its claims.

In round figures the adjudicated Italian claims amount to \$500,000, from which will be subtracted the \$27,500 to be paid sixty days from the signature of the protocol.

The Italian ambassador also has secured for his government the insertion of an agreement that Venezuela will insert in its treaty with Italy the favored nation clause possessed by the other nations.

Great Britain did not change its protocol, since it was approved by the London Foreign Office some days ago.

It stipulated that the claims of the creditor nations shall be adjudicated by the tribunal in proportion to the claims of a Venezuelan, a representative of the claimant power and in case of a disagreement an umpire, to be named by the president of the United States.

The protocols in providing for reference of the question of preferential treatment to the Hague do not state in detail the methods of procedure by which the case is to be heard before the tribunal.

Upon the signing of the protocols tonight congratulations were exchanged by the four negotiators.

Mr. Bowen tonight dispatched a brief cable message to President Castro, informing him of the signing of the protocols, providing for the immediate raising of the blockade.

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ELKINS BILL PASSES

and many members of the house were present.

The attraction was General William Booth of the Salvation Army, who delivered the prayer at the opening of the session.

Mr. Stewart reported the Indian appropriation bill.

The resolution of Mr. Morgan calling for the correspondence of naval officers regarding the military occupation of the Bays of Panama and Colon was agreed to.

An act was passed refunding certain taxes paid by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association.

The bill was passed and consideration of the statehood bill was resumed.

Mr. Dewey, resuming his remarks begun on Wednesday, referring to the anti-polygamy provision, said it would be seen "the fine Italian hand of the Mormon apostle" had been at work in the preparation of the measure, and that the concentrated influence of the Mormon hierarchy could be seen in the determined effort to prevent an amendment which would completely exclude polygamy.

Mr. Rawlins declared all legislation directed at Mormonism was futile, unless there was a popular sentiment to sustain it.

The question was put as to the inadvisability of the provisions against polygamy, but as to the exercise of political power.

Persecution was the seed of the Mormon church, and it did not do any good to arraign the entire people and brand every Mormon as a slave, a most unjust accusation.

"To do that," he said, "you stigmatize those who would aid you in bringing about the very conditions you seek here."

The best possible school for the correction of the evils was to emancipate the Mormons and leave them free to work out their own destiny.

Mr. Dubois (Idaho) did not think the references to polygamy were serious, but he would advocate the inclusion of the Idaho constitutional provision relating to elections as an amendment and require Ariz-

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A number of freight trains are stalled on sidings across the Nevada desert, the cold being so extreme that it was impossible for the engine crews to keep up sufficient steam.

Much loss to livestock is feared in Wyoming where conditions before the cold wave were unfavorable. It was two above in Salt Lake last night, the coldest of the winter, and the temperature moderated but little during the day.

TRAINS DELAYED BY STORM. Heavy Stock Losses Anticipated in Case Weather Continues Cold.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Trains are again moving on the Wyoming division, although all are late owing to the drifting snow which still cuts in spite of the efforts of the big rotaries. The weather is bitter cold throughout the state and heavy stock losses are feared.

Stock was left in poor condition by the storms of December and January and is the worst of further storms and continued cold weather the losses will be the worst the state has experienced in many winters.

FLOODS STOP WATER SUPPLY. Pearl River Submerges Pumping Plant and Leaves Jackson Dry.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 13.—Pearl river continues to rise. The water has spread over the banks. Turnpike one mile west of Jackson, and many places are overflowed.

The water works plant is submerged and drains and wagons are supplying water to residents.

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ROBBED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. Des Moines Man Loses Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars at St. Joseph Depot.

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BRIDE SWALLOWS LAUDANUM. Letter Says She Feared Insanity and Asks to Be Buried in Wedding Gown.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Charles Johnson, wife of a prominent merchant of Lexington, came to this city last night and swallowed laudanum. Her body was found today.

She left a pathetic letter, explaining that she feared insanity. She was a recent bride, formerly residing in Rockford, Ill., where her parents reside.

She requested that she be buried in her wedding gown and left explicit directions concerning the disposition of her property.

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Litigation Bazaar. Enormous shipment of boys' and girls' hats and caps just received, all the desirable new shapes, on sale Saturday, marked for rapid selling.

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