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PERKINS IS ARRESTED

New York Banker Charged with Grand Larceny in First Degree.

WARRANT ISSUED BY MAGISTRATE MOSS

Will Determine Legal Status of Insurance Campaign Subscriptions.

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS ASKED FOR

Continuance Granted Until Friday at Request of Defendant.

COUNSEL ADMITS TECHNICAL OFFENSE

Mr. Perkins Advanced \$48,702.50 to Cornelius 1. Bliss at Request of all and Money Was New York Life. Res

NEW YOR. 4 % 28.-On a charge of \$48,700.00 from the contribution of \$48,700.00 from the contribution on the New to Cortain the republican A second neitus N. Bliss, trea. he republican national committee impaign of 1994 constituted grand in the first degree, George W. Ferk, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and until recently first vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, was today arrested on a warrant issued by City Magistrate Moss. When a detective went to serve the warrant upon Mr. Perkins he found that a writ of habcas corpus had already been obtained from Justice Greenbaum of the state supreme court and the matter was immediately taken out of the magistrate's hands. Mr. Perkins appeared quest of his counsel the hearing in the Perkins was paroled in the custody of his personal attorney, Lewis A. Delaheid. The warrant for Mr. Perkins' arrest was applied for yesterday by District Attorney Jerome. Magistrate Moss would not act. however, until affidavits were filed. These were presented to him today. They were signed by Darwin P. Kingsley, vice president of the New York Life; Edmund D.

Admissions by Mr. Perkins Mr. Perkins' counsel admitted to Justice Greenbaum that Mr. Perkins had advanced quest of the late John A. McCall, president thority to order the payment and that it of the rivers and harbors committee to the house could not be found. He it was any crime was committed it was particle make it navigable. This has been ac- who notified Magnuson that a fight had

applying for a warrant for Mr. Perkins courts of the state, Judge O'Sullivan in the court of special sessions today again ad- Plenary Sitting of Conference Today dressed the grand jury which is considering life insurance matters and instructed them that it was their duty to continue the investigation to the end. He told the grand jurors it was their right to demand that the district attorney subpoens witmatter they may have under consideration. Robert A. Grannias and Walter A. Gil-Elbridge T. Gerry, as trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance company, today tendered their resignations at a meeting of the board of trustees of that company. They were accepted. A report of the Truesdale investigting committee was received and ordered printed, but no other action was taken upon it.

Question Before Supreme Court. The affidavits on which Magistrate Moss statement sworn to by Vice President Kingsley gives some of the details of the disposition deliberately to pick a quarrel. meeting of the New York Life's finance committee in December, 1964, when President McCall appeared and stated that Mr. Perkins had advanced certain large sums of money to Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the republican national committee, pursuant to Mr. McCall's agreement to con tribute \$50,000 for use in the presidential

District Attorney Jerome tonight made and without promise of any immunity chants, six professional men and three whatsoever, Mr. Perkins had supplied Mr. hins wrote:

When I made the advances mentioned, and when I was reimbursed therefor, it never occurred to me that there could be any question as to the propriety of such expenditure, which I believed to be for the benefit of the company. It has come to me as a total surprise that the legality of such payments should be questioned. such payments should be questioned. While so asserting, it is not my intention to dispute or to deny civil liability to account to the company for these moneys.

VICE PRESIDENTS QUIT OFFICE The others are divided. Thirty-four per

NEW YORK, March 28.—Vice Presidents Robert A. Granniss and Walter R. Gillette and Trustee Eldridge Gerry of the Mutual to further representations made by the Life Insurance company, today tendered their resignations at a meeting of the board of trustees of that company.

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POLITICAL REFUGEES ARRIVE Active Candidate for President of Costa Rico Deported with

Three Followers.

NEW YORK, March 28.-Maxima Fernandez, a candidate for the presidency of Costa Rica, who was deported from his native land because of his active opsosition to the existing government, arrived here today on the steamer Siberia. He was accompanied by his wife and rested, negroes, confessed to the city little doubt that it will be passed without seven children and by three of his political supporters, who were deported from saloon keeper in the north end to register governor, whose prompt approval of it is Costa Rica for their work in Fernander's illegally, and later the saloon keeper was generally regarded as a foregone concluinterests. One of them, Bernardo Soto, taken into custody. is a former president of the republic. The Special Prosecutor Durham has un-

way been arrested for conspiracy.

FIRE LOSS AT JOHNSTOWN

One Ffreman Killed and Property Worth Eight Bundred Thousand Dollars Destroyed.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 28 .- The fire which broke out in the business section of this city shortly after midnight was not fully under control until after daylight, when it had burned itself out after destroying four large business structures and causing a loss of over \$500,000. During the progress of the fire William Campbell, a fireman, was caught under

falling wall and probably fatally in-

It was a few minutes after 12 o'clock when flames were seen issuing from the third floor of the Swank Hardware company's five-story brick office building at fumble-down house, 245 Tenth avenue south, Just how the fire originated is not known. for five hours the work of the firemen in

ombating it. uildings were completely destroyed: Swank building, loss \$200,000; Henderson 'urniture company's store, loss \$75,000; Fisher's wholesale liquor house, loss \$50,the contribution | 000; the Journal Publishing company, loss \$100,000, and the Louis Geis residence, loss

> A score of tenants in the various bulldings sustained losses aggregating \$100,000. norning, but annnouncement was made that it would at once resume in new quar- taken from letters in the sacks and satch-

George H. Santamoure, the telegraph operator who disappeared during the fire last forced to do so by the approach of the ing to Agne Karofil. flames. Santamoure newspaper office.

before Justice Greenbaum and at the re- COMMITTEES ARE IN CONTEST use was adjourned until Friday. Mr. River and Harbor Interstate Commerce Bedies of House Chal-

tenge Jurisdiction.

WASHINGTON, March 28 .- There is to be a contest regarding committee jurisdic- were twelve packages, and after some hagtion of dams between the river and har- gling about the price he took them to the bor committee and the committee on in- station. A young man, aged about 39 years, terstate and foreign commerce. A resolution which brings this question before the man walked. The man who rode on the Randolph, treasurer of the company, and rules committee for action has, been in- wagon said the party was going to Duluth. Thomas A. Buckner, also a vice presi- troduced by Mr. Burton of Ohio, chair- At the station he noticed that the men from lations, based on a large vote in the demoducated.

pany's finance committee. It was con- tion purposes. Much money has been ex- to search the house. He said that an aged pated in by every member of the finance complished for a distance of 256 miles. The occurred. ommittee present when the matter was proposition to allow water to be taken acted upon. In response to questions from from the stream will render it too low

and thus taking the matter to the higher AGREEMENT AT ALGECIRAS the doors and made the horrifying disto Ratify Committee Agree-

ment. ALGECIRAS, Spain, March 28.-The delegates to the conference on Moroccan reforms spent the day in private discussion nesses to be examined before them in any on the remaining details of the proposed compact, on which agreement was virtually lette, as vice presidents and trustees, and plenary sitting. The Moors are displaying affected, in preparation for tomorrow's a spirit of obstruction, protesting against the decisions of the conference until they shall have been given the ratification of

the sultan. LONDON, March 29.-in an editorial article on the satisfactory catcome of the today comments upon the almost passionate desire for peace which has been revesled as the prevailing sentiment at all acted in issuing the warrant for Mr. Per- the European courts and chancelleries, and around those in the cellar. Also the wounds kins' arrest was forwarded to the supreme also upon the significant fact that though court tonight on a writ of certiorari. The France and Germany have had a sharp diplomatic conflict they never have shown any

PEASANTS STAND TOGETHER Small Land Owners Join with Landless in One Contest in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.-The public correspondence between himself and is the first to have completed its elections district attorney's request for information peasants, nineteen noblemen, eighteen merworkmen seven delegates.

owners who in reality are only peasants of the more prosperous class, holding their property in severalty, stood together against the big landlords and chose elective peasants. The peasants electors are not classified and have but one plank in theh platform, namely the distribution of land cent of them are conservative and 18 per Three Mutual Life Officials Refuse to cent constitutional democrats,

Turkey Must Come to Time. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 28.-In reply porte on the subject of the proposed increase in the customs duties the American legation has reiterated that the government at Washington can make no concesions until the American demands for a settlement of the schools and other queslions are granted.

MORE ILLEGAL REGISTRATION Kansas City Thinks it Has Uncarthed Coloniantion Scheme in Full Blast.

KANSAS CITY, March 3.-Within the assembly delegation on the investigating last twenty-four hours three additional committee, was substituted for the identical arrests have been made on warrants charging illegal registration for the com- third reading. This will probably being i ing city election. Two of the men ar- up for final passage tomorrow, and there is prosecutor that they had been paid by a material opposition, and go at once to the

others are Abel Pacheco and Octavio Gar- earthed evidence of colonization in a For several weeks prior to their de- southwest boulevard district, where he yesterday signed a decree authorising a parture from Port Limon. Fernandez and says he found that men had been paid losn of \$12,500,000 from a German financial his adherents were confined in prison, hav- from 50 cents to \$1.50 for each name reg- house for the construction of a railroad · Autored.

Mutilated Bodies of Bulgarian Workmen Found in Lodging House.

ROBBERY PROBABLY THE MOTIVE

Indications that Two Were Killed for Their Money and Others Met Death in Fight Over Division of Spoils,

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 25,-The sacked and mutilated bodies of six Bulgarians, evidently workmen, were found lying in pools of coagulated blood in a little the corner of Main and Bedford screets, this morning. Four of the bodies were found in a sleeping room on the second but when it was discovered it had gained floor, cut and slashed in a shocking manthe bodies were found five large bowie Before ceasing its ravages the following knives with razor-edged blades nearly eight inches lon, and a blood-stained hatchet. The

NICHOLO DIMITRI.
KARL DIMITRI.
AGNE KAROFIL.
KERSTAN YOVKO.
UNKA NAUDABA.
BAAKON KAPANNI.

The Dimitris were evidently father and son, all of the men were comparatively The Journal was unable to issue this young. None of the men bore any names about their clothing, those given being els in the room where four of the bodies were found.

The nationality of the men was determnight, made his appearance tonight. He | ined by Rev. Boskowic, pastor of the Greek had escaped any injury and had left the church here. He found among the papers building where he was employed only when a discharge from the Turkish army, belong-

Drayman Furnishes Clue.

only clue to the wholesale murder obtained from a drayman named Mickleday afternoon by some men, whom he took to be Italians or Greeks, who wanted him to take six packages from the house where the bodies were found to the Union station. On arriving at the house he found there rode on the wagon with him. The other clue the police believe that the murders in a large part of the state.

Aged German Missing. The German said he heard shuffling in the payment was entered on the ledger of the New York Life Insurance company, but ton's committee. Hence the resolution, tenants above him were not moving about as usual. After notifying Magnusos, the for dams across navigable streams shall German disappeared and has not been lo-Despite the action of Mr. Jerome in go to the rivers and harbors committee. cated up to a late hour today. Magnuson covery. Magnuson told the police that about four months ago a well-dressed Italian rented the upper floor of the house and paid four months' rent in advance. The Italian told him he was foremen of a railroad construction gang, and that none of place paid little attention to them. Magnu- Michigan City. son never inquired their names and merely again, and the police have absolutely no ing further, your honor." knowledge of his identity. The two bodies Algectras conference, the Daily Telegraph in the basement, according to Coroner Kistler, had been dead nearly two days. The blood surrounding the bodies in the upper rooms was more fresh than that

on the four appeared to have been made Fight Follows First Murder. The men in the basement had been killed by having their throats cut, and the police are inclined to believe that they were murdered for their money and that a free-forall fight followed over a division of the spoils. This is indicated by the wounds on the bodies found in the upper room. Their faces were slashed almost beyond recognition and there were wounds all over the bodies, all, however, having deep slashes province of Kostronia, European Russia, in the throat. One man had fallen against a hot stove and the right side of his face Mr. Perkins which showed that upon the to the provincial congress. Forty-six was burned past all identification. Beside this man lay the bloody batchet. The fight for money theory is borne out by the findpriests were returned. The preponderance ing near the bodies of money beits in Jerome with all the facts connected with of peasants is significant considering that which was \$506 in United States currency the 1994 campaign contributions. In con- they were only entitled to elect twenty- and gold. On one of the bodies was found cluding his letter on the subject Mr. Per- nine delegates, while the land owners had a waten which was still going. Some of the thirty-five, the cities twenty-eight and the bodies had been stripped, evidently, for robbery. The police here and at St. Paul The results show that the small land are looking for two boys, aged about 12 and 15 years, who were in the house Sunday, who are missing, but who are not supposed to have had anything to do with

the murders. In the two satchels found in the house were, besides some woodsmens' clothing, a curious set of regails, consisting of caps robes and kerchlefs containing characters and emblems which it is thought may have There were also beads and several other religious emblems.

YORK SENATE ACTS

Postponing Mutual Insurance Election to November is Unnulmously Passed.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.-The insurnce bill, postponing the mutual insurance elections until November 15, was passed in

he senate unanimously today. The bill as passed by the senate reached the assembly late in the afternoon and, on motion of Chairman Rogers of the Ir surance committee, who is also head of the assembly bill, which was on the order of

SANITAGO, March 28.-President Reisco from Arica, Chile, to La Paz, Bollvia.

Conduct of Former Representatives of

Government in China to Severely Criticized.

> WASHINGTON, March 28.-The presiden oday sent to the house of representatives LATTER FOR THE SUMMER MANEUVERS the report of Herbert H. D. Peirce, as sistant secretary of state, regarding the consular service in the evient. The message is accompanied by a letter from Sec-

retary Root, in which he says; I wish to call especial attention to one feature of these reports. They disclose grave misconduct on the part of two consults formerly occupying important posts in the east. These consuits are no longer in the service. I regret to say, however, that there are indications of other cases of misconduct or inefficiency among consults to the service. I regret to say, however, there are indications of other cases of conduct or inefficiency among consulvations parts of the world.

The visit of Mr. Peirce included many such headway in which to render futile ner, while in the cellar were two others cities, but his severe criticism is reserved with their throats cut from ear to ear. Near for ex-Consul General Goodnow at Shan ghal, ex-Consul General McWade at Canton and Consul Williams at Singapore. The charges against McWade, former

consul at Canton, are drunkenness, employment of a felon, issuance of fraudulent Chinese certificates, extending protection to Chinamen who claim to be American citizens, persecution of American citizens for purposes of revenge and corruption in of-

The charges against former Consul General Goodnow at Shanghar are eighty-two in number, some serious and some slight. Some are sufficient to support suits at law and giving evidence of corruption in office. The opinion of the better element was unfavorable to him in Shanghai. The report states that Consul General Levi L. Wilcox at Hankau "cannot be said to be a useful consular officer."

Regarding Mr. Greener at Vladivostok the report says: "Everywhere throughout the east I received unfavorable reports of which may lead to something definite was Mr. Greener. His habits are said to be extremely bad." Other complaints of him are berg. He says he was approached last Mon- that he has faults relative to his accounts. Several consuls are commended as excellent.

VOTE IN ARKANSAS

Bad Weather Interferes with Full Attendance at Democratic Primaries.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 28.-Calcu-

forces appear equally confident tonight.

at once notified the police who broke open NEW TRIAL DENIED SHERRICK

to Twenty-One Years. day twelve men moved their few belongings sentenced David E. Sherrick, former audi-They went to work each day and re- tor of state, convicted of embezzling \$120,turned in the evening. They were quiet, 000 of state funds, to serve from two to

entered them on the books as tenants for W. N. Harding, when sentence was prowhom four months' rent had been paid in nounced, but when asked if he had anyadvance. The "foreman" was never seen thing to say replied in a firm voice, "Noth-

Judge James E. McCullough today handed never drank, and those living about the twenty-one years in the state prison at Missouri congregation. Sherrick leaned on the arm of his counsel

It is not known when he will be taken

SIX MURDERS IN MINNEAPOLIS PEIRCE REPORTS ON CONSULS LARGE POSTS FOR NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST FOR TWO-YEAR SCALE

War Department Has Plans for Improving Forts Robinson and Niebrara.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Sends to Congress with His Approval a Bill for the Leasing of Grazing Lands.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 28 .- (Special Telagram.)-It begins to look as if Nebraska would get one of the large military posts These cases, the secretary says, shows the War department is planning to build, the necessity of a regular inspection serv- and also the location of a camp for the great summer maneuvers. It is also practically ordered that Fort Robinson shall be the place for the enlarged post and Niobrara for the maneuvers.

The Nebraska delegation has been laboring hard to secure two of the large posts, one for Rebinson and one for Niobrara. Senators Millard and Burkett saw the secretary of war this morning in an effort to have Fort Niobrara designated as a permanent artillery post, and also to see what might be done for the improvement of Fort Robinson. Secretary Taft stated that the necessities of the service would require the permanent enlargement of Fort Robinson and the department had perfected plans to that end, provided congress would afford the required appropriation. Upon learning these facts it was agreed that Senator Burkett should introduce a bill in the senate today, appropriating \$400,000 to be expended at Fort Robinson for permanent buildings and other necesssary works under plans furnished by the war office. Both Senators Burkett and Millard expressed the opinion today that

the senate would pass the bill. The secretary of war said further that it was not the intention of the department te abandon Fort Niobrara as a military reservation, but that it would be retained for the regular annual maneuvers during would be assembled. The department in the reorganization of posts is trying to get larger bodles of troops together, and both Robinson and Niobrara are attractive to them on account of the large

amount of land they contain.

Leasing Bill Approved. Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan today transmitted to congress with his man of the rivers and harbors commit- the house were joined by several other cratic state primaries today, were upset by approval a bill drawn by the director upon which a hearing will be re- men, a woman and a little girl. From this bad weather and a consequently light vote of the geological survey and approved by the commissioner of the general land of-The resolution has its inspiration be- were committed some time between mid- In the contest for the United States fice providing for leasing of certain lands cause of attention which the commerce night Sunday and Monday morning. This senatorship, James R. Berry carried Benton for grazing purposes. The proposed bill commission is now giving a measure pro- suspicion is clinched by the statements of county, his home, by 900 over Governor Jeff authorizes the secretary of the interior The buffet and smoking car on the limited and Secretary Bent of the Illinois miners, of the New York Life. He was afterward viding that water may be taken from the S. Magnuson, owner of the house. At Davis. Later returns, however, show that to withdraw from public entry and lease reimbursed through the action of the com- Sacramento river in California for irriga- about 19 o'clock today he asked the police Governor Davis had a large vote in the for grazing purposes upon terms of paycountry precincts. The total vote of the ment to be fixed by him any unoccupied ended that Mr. McCall had executive au- pended on this river under the supervision German who occupied the lower floor of state in the primary will decide the senatorship and as the lengthy ticket makes the wherein he deems it for the public interest count slow, definite figures will necessarily so to do, preference being given to owners at nearly full speed. Engineer Williams and Illinois, and orged the miners to sign be delayed. Both the Berry and Davis of stock who are settlers or residents in of the eastbound express, asserts that his the scale wherever it was offered, even the vicinity, and particularly to such as The reports thus far received indicate are owners of small bands of stock. No from Winslow cleared away the wreckage should lie idle. the magistrate Mr. Delailed said that the for navigation by the river boats, accord- rear of the house, but thought nothing of it the probable nomination of Congressman lease shall be made for a pariod exceeding and trains with new engines got under payment was entered on the ledger of the fing to the hellef of members of Mr. Bur- until today, when he observed that the John S. Little for governor over Attorney five years and the proceeds derived from way again ten hours late. the sale of leases shall be covered into the reclamation fund.

Sale of Lands for Cemeteries. ably reported to the senate today from last night. None was killed, it is stated. the committee on public lands. These bills direct the sale of public lands in South Dakots which have been used for burial INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 38 .- Special interior to issue a patent to the Keystone camp of Modern Woodmen to a tract of the hotels would keep the men. The next down his decision denying a new trial and nine acres near Keystone, Pennington county, and the other is to issue a patent to ten acres of land in Butte county to the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Little

Minor Matters at Capital. The application of Jacob Kroeker, J. J. Kroeker, A. C. Neufeld, John J. Goosen, Abraham Franz and D. J. Kroeker to or-

son, Neb., with \$25,000 capital has been ap-(Continued on Second Page.)

Fair Thursday and Friday Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: four. Deg. Hour. D

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ADAMS' GREEK FIRE IS FOUND Chemical Explosives Described by Alleged Murder Conspirator Dis-

covered in Pocatello.

POCATELLO, Idaho, March 18.-The search for a deposit of explosives which SPEECHES BY SEVERAL OPERATORS Steve Adams says he cached here in September, 1901, was completed today without definite result. The ground in the sawmill was thoroughly turned over, but all that was found was a glass stopper that Adams identified as being identical with those which he says were in the bottles buried by him; and a tin ean, which may have held the bottles which Adams says be buried. Detectives McParland and Thiel. Warden Whitney and Guard Robbins re-

turned to Boise with Adams. Four of the five bottles of Steven Adams' hell fire" were found shortly before 6 elock this evening. Last spring a man working in the old mill found the tin box. He opened one of the bottles and was badly burned. After that he buried the box n a pile of cinders outside. After being found he pointed out the spot in the old mill where they were discovered. It is the exact spot where Adams began digging when taken there to recover the bottles. Steve Adams left Pocatello this afternoon to return to the penitentiary in charge of Warden Edwards. The place where Adams registered September 24, 1904, found.

WRECK ON THE SANTA FE the summer, where troops from all posts Reported that Two Through Passenger Trains Collide Head on in Arisona.

station near Flugstaff, at 9 o'clock last this time. Operators of Illinois, Indiana killed or seriously hurt. Several passen- head of Illinois who said he thought Illigers were slightly bruised and cut.

also was badly damaged.

air brakes failed to work. A wrecker through the mines of the other operators

this city it is stated that fifteen persons Representative Martin's cometery bills, are known to have been injured in the which have passed the house, were favor-collision of its passenger trains at Cosmino

SALOON MEN OUT OF WORK grounds. One directs the secretary of the Estimate that Ohio License Law Will Make Seventy-Five Hundred

People Idle.

COLUMBUS O. March 28.-Thousands of men may be thrown out of employment by the enforcement of the Aikin \$1,000 liquor tax law, which has just been passed. According to one authority, the 5,000 proprietors of the saloons that will close will be out of employment. At least half of them have barkeepers, making 2,500 ganize the First National bank of Hendermore. Many porters, men who get up the saloon luncher and bakers may, it is also stated, be thrown out of employment by the decreased demand for bread from the saloons. Brewery drivers and other employes at the breweries will also suffer, and it is said today that between 10,000 and 15,000 people in all will be out of employsaloon luncher and bakers may, it is 15,000 people in all will be out of employ-

> Representative Aikin estimates that the gain in the state revenue will be about \$3,450,000, three-tenths of which goes to the

Joe Miller, legislative agent for the brewtheir jobs by the closing of the saloons. Mr. Alkin, author of the bill, is authority for the statement that 5,000 saloons will

COMPROMISE ON STATEHOOD New Mexico and Arizona May Be Permitted to Settle Question

for Themselves.

WASHINGTON, March 38.-That the senate and house will reach a compromise on the statehood bill which will permit Arizona and New Mexico each to decide for themselves the question of their admission as one state, seems a correct conclusion from present indications.

The conferees met today for the second time and while the session was devoted to what are termed the minor amendments, there are indications that a basis of agreement on the chief question is suggesting itself naturally and will result in the restoration of Arisona and New Mexico to the bill with the Foraker amendment and inquiry among the senators who opposed the original house bill indicates that they will accept this compromise.

The senate amendment defining the limits of the prohibition territory in Oklahoma is regarded as the result of a general agreement between all parties interested and is acceptable. Likewise there seems little ob. fection to the senate provision allowing lieu from the chair. school lands to be selected in place of school lands found to be mineral lands Other senate amendments are to be considered Friday.

GAS WELL GETS AWAY AGAIN Sixth Attempt to Control the Roaring Monster at Caney, Kansas,

Falls.

smother the flames. Yesterday an eightis burning as fiercely as ever.

Der. Miners and Operators Considering New Proposition by Mr. Robbins.

> MOTION IS SECONDED BY MR. MITCHELL It Provides for Payment of 1903 Prices

for Two Years. MINERS WILL MEET THIS MORNING

Question of Endorsing Their President's Action to Be Considered.

Mine Owners from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio Say They Cannot Afford to Pay the Advance

Demanded.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 28.-The join onference of the coal miners and operators of the central competitive district adjourned today until tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with no settlement of their wage differences reached and apparently with

none in prospect. A motion to continue the present scale for two years made by the operators was defeated by the solid vote of the miners. An amendment to President Mitchell's motion to restore the scale of 1903, offered by F. L. Robbins of the Pennsylvania operators, that it be made effective for two years, was accepted by Mr. Mitchell subject to ratification by the miners' national

convention, which will meet tomorrow

morning to consider the question. This was the only action taken during the day. The rest was argument, during the course of which great earnestness upon the part of the miners and both factions of the operators was shown. President Mitchell charged that many coal companies are owned by railroads and the profit on coal is not indicated by the books of the coal companies, as much of it is absorbed ASHFORD, Ariz., March 28 .- California by the railroads. He announced that the limited No. 3 westbound and the Atlantic miners would continue in the future to eastbound, on the Atchison, ask for more wages if the market justified Topeka & Santa Fe rallway, met in a and stated positively that the miners would head-end collision at Cocnino, a switching adhere to their demand for an increase at evening. No passengers or trainmen were and Ohio, speaking through A. J. Mooresnois should break away from the inter-The trains came together with great state agreement: H. N. Taylor of illiforce and both engines were badly wrecked | nois, R. R. Hammond, Chairman Winder reaffirmed their refusal to pay an advance. Engineer Goldsworthy of the limited, had F. L. Robbins of Pennsylvania offered to the right-of-way and was standing at the pay the advance asked not only in the eastbound train, which came into Cosnino in his own mines in Pennsylvania, Ohio

Hints of Arbitration.

There were a number of suggestions and the TOPEKA, Kan., March 28.—At the gen-hints at an arbitration commission during eral offices of the Santa Fe rallway in the day. W. D. Kuhn of the independent operators made reference of a possible committee appointed by the president. Mr. Mitchell said in one of his speeches: I want to ask the operators Pittsburg district if they are in

with the suggestion as to an investigation? I want to ask Mr. Winder and the operators of Ohio and I want to ask the operators of Indians if this contemplates an investigation as to the relative cost of coal in pick and machine mines? J. H. Winder, chalrman of the operators,

replied: If there is to be an investigation upon which the prices of mining is to be fixed and the relative differences adjusted between the various portions of the interstate movement, then I think it would be proper to take into consideration all and any questions that are pertinent thereto. Answering the arguments made during the day against an advance, Mr. Mitchell closed the debute for the afternoon with

the following statement:

Operators' Motion Discussed. The joint conference of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district met today in what was generally understood to be a final effort to reach an agreement on the wage scale eries, is authority for the statement that Illinois, Indiana, Onio and western Pensbetween 19,000 and 15,000 people will lose sylvania. G. W. Traer, the chairman, announced that the question was on the substitute motion offered by J. H. Winder to resffirm the present wage scale with conditions as they existed when that scale was adopted, the miners to pay the cost of

mining, loading, shooting and timbering A. J. Moorehead, of the Illinois operators spoke first for the operators. He said operators would be pleased to pay the miners an increase in wages, but it was business impossibility at this time,

"You miners," said he, "have the advantage over us. You can combine and centralize your voting power upon a fixed object or desired action, but if operators combine we are threatened with the penitentiary. We could control the coal market and pay you higher wages if we could buy up all the coal mines, but unfortunately for you and for us, we have not the

"I want to say," continued Mr. Moorehead, "that no operator will go farther than I will to meet our employes. We cannot control the markets. It is a competitive condition beyond our power. It may be true that in some parts of the country, western Pennsylvania, for instance, they may be able to pay an advance, but I do know that in Illinois it is

impossible." He said that miners in the thick vein mines could earn \$8 to \$10 a day. This statement was received with laugh-

ter by the miners, which brought a rebuke Would Sever Interstate Agreement. "But," said he, "a man in Illinois is not able to do the best he can for himself and family. He has been restricted and prevented from realizing his full earning power and making from \$125 to \$150 a permitted to work only five or six hours

"We in Hinois believe the time has come to sever this interstate agreement. Our affairs had better be settled alone, We CANEY, Kan., Murch 28.-The burning had better work single handed than be in gas well today defeated a sixth attempt to an interstate convention. We had better be employed in meeting with our owa nch pipe was lowered into the well and the miners and put in our time in that state, lames confined to the upper end of the The gentlemen from Pennsylvania and Today a hood was placed about the from Ohio have different market condimouth of the well and around the pipe and tions-different coal, almost everything then an effort was made to close a valve in different from us in Illinois. Their wants the top of the pipe. As this valve was are rarely our wants. Their troubles are closed gas burst through the hood below rarely our troubles. And Illinois would and soon the well was a mass of flams not be here today if I had my way about again. The hood was removed and the well it, for I cannot, after two or three years' experience, find that it is of any use to

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