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THE WAYS OF GOD: Not a few preachers and editors are at odds over the moral aspect of the San Francisco disaster. The New York Post says the earthquake is no greater problem than the poverty, distress and death which the world sees every day of the year.

THE OPERATORS REFUSE: It was announced late Friday night that the coal operators had declined both proposals submitted to them by Mr. Mitchell through President Baer. These proposals were: (1) an increase in wages of from five to fifteen per cent, according to the wages now received, and (2) an advance in wages amounting to ten cents per ton on all the coal mined.

WILL THE AIRSHIP DO IT?: The distance from Spitzbergen to the North Pole is estimated at 600 miles. Walter Wellman, who was "assigned" by a Chicago newspaper some months ago to get himself an airship and discover the pole, will begin his flight from Spitzbergen some time in August.

A TYPICAL CASE: It was on February 8 last that Engineer Barbour wrote to Mayor White, chairman of the water and sewerage board, directing his attention to "the necessity of immediately taking steps to obtain the regulating valves necessary for the reduction of pressure after bringing into service of the new works."

NOTE AND COMMENT: Question—How many minnows will the great Craspey heronry trail lead to repentance? Gov. Fraser wore no uniform when he prorogued the Nova Scotia Legislature.

otherwise have held. One reviewer argues that a continuance of the strike will mean the downfall of the union and Mitchell, and gives these as his reasons:—

"The miners will be placed in an impossible position, because the people of the country and the people and the governor of Pennsylvania are going to see to it that the consumers of this land shall have coal to burn."

"The public understands the situation now pretty well. The operators collected a large supply of coal and decided that this was the proper time to smash the union. They are suspected of the keenest kind of a desire to have a strike, because they could work off the large supply of coal at a dollar a ton more than the normal price, thus turning over an extra profit of about \$10,000,000, and at the same time escape for some time the annoyances of entering into interminable disputes with Mitchell's union."

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conditions here when next the St. Lawrence route is closed. This year citizens should insist that, in regard to important matters at least, the Council abandon its Fabian tactics for something better.

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