

THE ANTHRACITE COMMISSION

BRITAIN'S NAVY TO BE IMPROVED

HIGH-PRICED POSTAGE STAMPS

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

Great Interest Being Taken in Its Proceedings--John Mitchell on the Stand--Under a Heavy Cross-Examination Fire--Large Array of Talent

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 13.—The anthracite coal strike commission today began the hearing of testimony by which it will determine whether or not the workmen are receiving fair and just wages for their labor and whether their conditions can be improved.

The star witness for the miners was President John Mitchell. He took the stand in the forenoon, and when the commission adjourned at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he was still under the fire of the cross-examination of David W. Wilcox, general counsel of the Delaware & Hudson company. It was a trying day for the miners' leader, but he seemed to stand the test well.

The commission's session is being held in the room of the Pennsylvania superior court, which is now sitting in Philadelphia. Ranged around three tables in front of the seven commissioners who occupied the judges' benches were thirty lawyers, twenty-four of whom are looking after the interests of the mine owners.

Besides President Mitchell of the miners' union the mine owners were represented by Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago as chief counsel, with five assistants. The court room at both sessions was packed almost to suffocation, and scores of persons were unable to get in.

One of the heads of the large coal companies, Charles Thomas of the Erie, was present. There were among the spectators a large number of superintendents and district mine superintendents. Grouped about Mr. Mitchell were District Presidents Nichols, Duffy and Fahy, the three district secretaries, the three national members and members of three district executive boards of the anthracite region.

Judge Gray, as chairman of the commission, was the only spokesman for the commission. He asked several questions, and near the close of the session queried Mr. Mitchell as to whether his organization approved the act of withdrawing or denying the necessities of life to those who had offended the organization, and he replied: "I should say emphatically no."

During the day Mr. Wilcox asked Mr. Mitchell many questions as to the policies of the union, the method of calling strikes, the ability of the union to maintain discipline and prevent the members of the union from violating the law, and also as to the liability of the union for breaking contracts. It was apparent to many of those present who understood the situation that Mr. Wilcox's object was to attempt to prove by Mr. Mitchell's own testimony that the contentions of the companies that the miners' union was an irresponsible organization and that its agreement, therefore, could not be safely entered into was well founded.

Attorney Wilcox followed this up by reading from Mr. Mitchell's testimony before the industrial commission, in which the miners' president outlined the policy of the miners' union and the condition of the miners' occupation at that time. This took about one hour's time. After finishing reading the testimony Mr. Wilcox questioned Mr. Mitchell regarding the strike of 1900, and he asked how the strike was inaugurated, how many men were affected and how many were members of the union.

Following this Mr. Wilcox took up the method of dealing with non-union men. During the hearing the statement was brought out for the first time since the strike was inaugurated that the union had disbursed \$1,500,000 among strikers.

One of the questions which came up before the commission was the advisability of hearing counsel on behalf of the non-union men who remained at work during the strike. Attorney John T. Lenahan, one of the attorneys for the non-unionists, asked the commission what his status was before the arbitrators.

Judge Gray informed him that that must be taken under consideration, and that an answer would possibly be given him tomorrow.

Mr. Mitchell, before taking the witness stand in the forenoon presented the miners' side of the case in a hurried word statement. It took him 40 minutes to read his address, and he was listened to by the commissioners and the operators with the closest attention.

It is understood that Mitchell will be on the stand all day tomorrow and possibly longer. It is the intention of the miners to next call on Peter Roberts of Mahanoy City, who has a knowledge of anthracite mining and who is the author of a book on the subject.

The subject of boycotting occupied the attention of the commission during the last half hour of the session. Judge Gray, with some impatience, took the witness in hand. Said he: "There is no question about the right of a man to deal with whom he pleases. What the commission would like to know is absolutely whether your organization or you, as their representative, approve of using the boycott as a weapon to the extent outlined in the resolution read by you."

That where, what you call a 'scab' laborer is in question all persons who furnish the necessities of life are warned to refrain from furnishing such necessities to the so-called 'scab' laborers or their families to the gain of the members of your union."

"I should say, Mr. Chairman," responded Mr. Mitchell, "that the union has not sanctioned any such action on the part of its members."

Judge Gray, "Do you encourage it?" "Mr. Mitchell, "They do not. There are times during great excitement, such as prevails in a strike, that members and local unions in mass meetings and justified in advising their friends and brother members not to purchase from a storekeeper who supplies goods to a non-union man."

"That is not the question," said Judge Gray. "What we would like to know

is whether you justify the attempted withdrawal from those who have offended you of the necessities of life of things men live on, and which are therefore their life."

"I should say emphatically no," replied Mr. Mitchell.

The commission at 4 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow morning, with Mr. Mitchell still on the stand.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 15.—President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers' Union, occupied the witness stand throughout both sessions of the coal strike commission today.

David Wilcox, general counsel for the Delaware & Hudson company, and Wayne MacVeigh of Philadelphia, who is representing the Pennsylvania Coal & Hillside & Iron Company, were the principal questioners.

Mr. MacVeigh questioned Mr. Mitchell on the demand for an increase in wages, the demand for a shorter work-day, and the weighing of coal by the ton of 2240 pounds, and then took up the demand of the men for trade agreements, which practically means recognition of the union. He asked Mr. Mitchell what sort of a contract he would draw up, and the latter replied he would favor an agreement as outlined in his suggestions to the commission yesterday.

After going over the demands of the miners, Mr. MacVeigh took up the conditions existing in and about the collieries of the companies he represented, and tried to show that the conditions spoken of by Mr. Mitchell were not borne out by the investigation. The constitution of the United Mine Workers of America was also taken up by the lawyer, and he and Mr. Mitchell several times sparred for points regarding the references contained in it to an eight-hour day.

To the direct question as to whether he, as president of the union, had a right to curtail the hours of employment each day of the miners, Mr. Mitchell said he thought he had.

During Mr. Mitchell's examination by Mr. Wilcox the fact was brought out that if the increase in wages was granted it would increase the expenses of the companies about \$12,000,000 a year.

In regard to child labor, Mr. Mitchell said he was in favor of a state law which would make the minimum age of a boy to go to work at the collieries 14 years instead of 12.

It is possible Mitchell may occupy the witness box for several days next week. The commission adjourned each day with Mr. Mitchell still on the stand.

TO DISCUSS BETROTHAL MATTERS

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—One of the objects of Emperor William's visit to King Edward was to discuss the betrothal of Crown Prince Frederick William and Princess Alice of Albany, who is a charming girl of nineteen years of age. The Duchess of Albany went to England on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern and proceeded to Sandringham with the emperor.

Princess Alice and the crown prince are second cousins and are described as mutually sympathetic. She has been quite Prussianized by having lived in Germany the greater part of the last three years with her mother, and has been under the close observance from time to time of the emperor and empress. A dynastic alliance such as this is on the political side regarded as bringing Great Britain and Germany closer together.

Princess Alice's brother, the young Prince of Coburg, is a thorough little German. He is now in the military school near Potsdam.

GUELPH. Merchants Swindled With Forged Checks—Moving to Calgary.

GUELPH, Nov. 15.—A confidence man struck the city on Saturday. His method of operation was to go into the stores when they were busy in the evening, buy some small articles and present a check in payment. These checks were drawn on the Dominion Bank and the Teachers' Bank, and purported to have been signed by the James Goldie company and Reid & Ross, the carriage men. The culprit is described as a short, stout man, with dark hair and moustache, wearing a dark grey overcoat and a soft black felt hat. His age appeared to be about 35. So far as is known the merchants who were fleeced are D. R. Rowen, William McLaren & Co., R. Neill, W. C. Goetz, J. and A. McHardy, Tyson Bros., Scroggie Bros., Harding Bros., Sauer Bros., for sums ranging from \$10 to \$16.50. Some of the checks were taken in by the tellers without question.

J. E. Bull, manager of the Bell Telephone company at Guelph for the past three years, has been transferred to the Northwest Territories, with headquarters at Calgary, where he will oversee the Rocky mountains and other advantageous sites for telephone poles. He and his family leave tomorrow.

WENT AGROUND. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The steamer Lucania, which went aground in Gedney Channel this morning, was cleared shortly after 5 p. m. and started up the bay.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—As a result apparently of agitation by Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Berosford and others regarding the lack of "up-to-dateness" in the British navy, the admiralty has announced that the battleships Agamemnon, Ajax, and Edgar; the turret ships Heate, Clatton, Cyclops, Sydra and Gorgon; the torpedo ram Polyphemus, the frigates Nettle, the cruisers Heroine and Hyacinthe and some smaller vessels are for sale. They will be dropped from the navy list immediately.

MASCAGNI RESUMES TOUR. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 15.—Pietro Mascagni, the composer leader, resumed his tour this afternoon with a concert in Symphony Hall.

\$25,000 For a Seat in the Stock Exchange

MONTREAL, Nov. 15.—Messrs. Simpson, Garland & Co., stock brokers of this city, paid \$25,000 for a seat on the Montreal stock exchange yesterday. This is the highest price ever paid for a seat in the Dominion, while New York is the only place that leads Montreal.

PICKERING, Nov. 15.—R. D. Benson, a trackman, was run down and killed by a fast express train here last evening.

KINCARDINE, Nov. 15.—Harry Ross, 21 years of age, fell into a grain chute

A Diamond Thief in Clutches of the Law

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 15.—The Poughkeepsie police arrested today Vent Gildersleve, employed as a handy man at Vassar College, for robbing the rooms of students. There have been a series of robberies at the college that have baffled detection. Two weeks ago E. S. Atwater reported to the police that his daughter had been robbed of two valuable rings, one a nine-diamond cluster and the other three pearls. Chief McCabe gave a description to all jewelers and pawn brokers. In this way, when Gildersleve pawned a watch and one of the stolen rings the police were notified. When searched a thousand dollar sapphire and a diamond ring belonging to Miss Williams of Stamford, Conn., and Miss Atwater's nine-diamond ring were found in his pockets. The jewelry recovered is valued at \$2000.

VALE DEFEATS PRINCETON IN FOOTBALL

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 15.—Yale today defeated Princeton in their annual football game by 12 to 5. All the scoring was done in the first half. Yale twice placed the ball over the tiger's goal line, and DeWitt, for Princeton, dropped a beautiful field goal from Yale's 35-yard line.

The score does not adequately show Yale's superiority over Princeton. Princeton was outclassed at all points of the game except in the kicking department. Here DeWitt easily held the honors, but his beautiful punting was minimized by the very clever work of the Yale back field. No matter who caught DeWitt's sky-scraping spirals the ball was invariably brought back from 10 to 20 yards by a dodging, wriggling blue-legged player.

The game was one of the fiercest ever witnessed on a football gridiron, yet it was free from unnecessary roughness. The Yale men played like fiends and the Princeton players were but a trifle less reckless.

The largest crowd that ever witnessed a football contest in this city gathered on Old Nassau field today. As early as 12 o'clock the crowd began moving toward the pivotal point, and long before the teams appeared on the gridiron standing room was at a premium. Seats had been erected at both ends of the field in anticipation of a record-breaking crowd, and the wisdom of the project was apparent. It is estimated that about 18,000 people were within the big amphitheatre.

MISERABLE NIGHTS. What to Do When Baby Is Fretful and Sleepless.

It is wrong to take up a wakeful baby from the cradle and walk it up and down the floor all night. It demoralizes the infant and enslaves the parents. The baby does not cry for the fun of the thing; it cries because it is not well—generally because its stomach is sour, its little bowels congested, its skin hot and feverish. Relieve it, and it will sleep all night, every night growing stronger in proportion. Just what mothers need is told in a letter from Mrs. E. J. Flanders, Marbleton, Que., who says: "I cannot say too much in favor of Baby's Own Tablets. They have worked like a charm with my baby, who was very restless at night, but Baby's Own Tablets soon brought quiet sleep and rest. I shall never be without a box while I have a baby."

Baby's Own Tablets cure all minor ailments of little ones, and are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug. They are sold at 25 cents a box by all dealers, or you can get them by mail, post paid, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y.

TORONTO, Nov. 15.—The provincial health officer has been advised that three families in Erimdale township, Peel county, and two in Elgin county have the smallpox.

The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "The Morning Post, in regard to the complaint that the Canadian northwest is being Americanized, says that little attention will be paid in England to these complaints until Canada establishes a western immigration for its own benefit, instead of systematically exporting her young men to the United States."

A Canadian twelve-penny, 1851, black lightly cancelled postage stamp sold in London yesterday for 47s, and a New Brunswick twelve-penny, Mauve, of the same year, brought 41s.

TILSONBURG, Nov. 15.—Mr. Rafferty, an employe of the Wimb Engine & Motor company of Toronto, engaged on a tank at Tilsonburg, on the Lake Erie railway, died suddenly in the Arlington Hotel after eating dinner yesterday.

PORT PERRY, Nov. 15.—Rev. J. W. McMechan, for nearly half a century engaged in pastoral work in the Presbyterian church in various parts of Ontario, is dead here.

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Rubino, an Italian Anarchist, Attempts to Shoot King Leopold--Does Not Regret His Act--Would Kill Any Monarch -- Monarchs Are Tyrants

BRUSSELS, Nov. 15.—Three shots were fired at the king of the Belgians this morning as his majesty was proceeding to the cathedral to attend a tedeum in memory of the late Queen Marie Henriette. No one was hurt.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 15.—That Rubino intended to assassinate King Leopold seemed fully established this evening by the prisoner's confession to the police. The latter at first denied all the reports to the effect that the revolver contained ball cartridges or that Rubino was connected with anarchism, but they finally admitted that the prisoner had confessed that he intended to shoot King Leopold and that he held anarchistic beliefs.

The self-confessed would-be regicide is a small, bald-headed man, with a heavy black moustache. He maintained a perfect calm during the interrogation by the police. He informed the police that he came from London, where he went on a futile search for work.

There he obtained a sustenance from the Italian embassy, and was temporarily engaged to watch anarchists. He was dismissed, however, as the embassy officials discovered that he sympathized with the anarchists. It was then that he bought a revolver and 50 cartridges and came to Brussels. Failing to find work, Rubino said he "determined to act," and went to the cathedral with the intention of shooting the king, but as already stated he did not fire. Then he proceeded to the Rue Royale, where he awaited the cortege. The royal carriage

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MARCONI MAKING WIRELESS TESTS

HALIFAX, Nov. 13.—Marconi began tests at Table Head this morning between his land station and the cruiser "Carlo Alberto." He will gradually increase the distance until the attempt is made to connect with Poldhu, Cornwall.

SAILED WITH THREE WARSHIPS. President Castro of Venezuela Recaptured Town of Coro.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 15.—President Castro and First Lieutenant Leopoldo Baptista sailed yesterday morning for Puerto Cabello with three warships and a force of 1500 men to reoccupy the town of Coro, situated about three miles northwest of Caracas, which has been in the possession of the revolutionists. A battle between the rival forces took place today and lasted five hours, with the result that the government troops captured the town. The revolutionists, numbering about 850, have escaped in the direction of Sabanita, closely pursued by Baptista's troops.

ONTARIO FARMERS. Past Season Has Been the Best With Them For Years.

TORONTO, Nov. 15.—The November statement of the Ontario department of agriculture states that the past season has been on the whole the best season which the farmers of the province have had for many years.

James L. Scarth, commissioner of the Scotch Ontario & Manitoba Land company, died last night of paralysis. He was a well known financier.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE FOR CANADA

ROME, Nov. 15.—The appointment of an apostolic delegate in Canada to succeed Archbishop Falconi, made papal delegate to the United States, has been announced. Monk Zaloski, who was designated for the position, said the climate of Canada would be bad for his health, which was injured by his residence of ten years in India.

The most likely candidate is now said to be Monk Sbarretti, who is in Washington awaiting a new appointment. Archbishop Chapelle warmly supports Monk Sbarretti.

EASTERN FOOTBALL. Cambridge—Harvard, 17; Dartmouth, 6. Philadelphia—Pennsylvania, 0; Indians, 5. Ithaca—Cornell, 28; Lafayette, 0. Annapolis—Bucknell, 23; Navy, 0. West Point—West Point, 46; Syracuse, 0.

Chicago—Michigan, 21; Chicago, 0. Chicago—Northwestern, 10; Beloit, 0. Providence—Brown, 11; Springfield, 0. Bangor—University of Maine, 11; Bowdoin, 0.

New Haven—Harvard Freshmen, 22; Yale Freshmen, 10. Williamstown—Williams, 28; Wesleyan, 5. Minneapolis—Minnesota, 11; Wisconsin, 0.

Newfolk—Georgetown, 12; North Carolina, 5. Medford, Mass.—Tufts, 11; Holy Cross, 5. Bethlehem—Lehigh, 0; Dickinson College, 10. New York—Columbus, 0; Amherst, 23.