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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL.

John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers, leader of 145,000 strikers, gentlemen and honest men, stands out to-day as the most prominent of all prominent men of America, comments the London News. Leaving out all controversy as to the merits of the strike, John Mitchell is a modern Napoleon, the most wonderful and successful leader of men the United States has yet produced. The men whom John Mitchell is leading are for the most part men of but scant education, some of them the dregs of down-trodden Continental Europe, harder to hold in check than they would be to incite to riot. But Mitchell has their respect and their complete confidence, and holds them in their places as probably no other man could. Mitchell has been abused and vilified, has been termed a professional agitator, and some of his opponents have not scrupled to say that he should be strung up, and that he had his price. But Mitchell, young man though he is, has a hard head, and has worked away quietly without the tinkling of symbols or the beating of drums. He has proven to the world that he cannot be bought, for he has been purchased out. He has always fought for peace, never urging the men to strike, and has tried to instill it into the men that the worst enemy the strikers have is the man who indulges in riots and lawlessness. The story is told of John Mitchell that at the time of the assassination of President McKinley, a man ran into a Pennsylvania mining camp, shouting: "The President is killed!" "Oh, God," shouted the miners, in consternation, "John Mitchell is killed!" "Not Mitchell," corrected the man who brought the news, "but McKinley." "Thank heaven, it isn't Mitchell," broke forth the miners. This little story gives an idea of what the miners think of Mitchell. If he can but control the men for a while longer as he has in the past, he will go down to posterity as the greatest man of his time, for win or lose in the present strike, Mitchell has made a name for himself and for the men under his control.

WOMEN THE WHOLE THING.

Under the auspices of the Professional Women's League, the first woman's exhibition has opened in Madison Square Garden, New York, points out the St. Thomas Times. Women as police, women as carriage callers, women as ticket punchers, women as ushers, women as barbers, women as newsboys, selling a woman's paper, are features. About 3,500 women take part in the affair. Although patterned after the Woman's Exhibition held in Earl's Court, London, two years ago, its scope is much wider. All nations are represented, and the work of women's hands in all sections of the globe is shown.

In fact, everything masculine has been dropped from the program, and pretty much is granted only the privilege of paying the price of admission and looking on. The exposition will be a continuous performance for a fortnight. It is intended to show how prominent is woman and how great a part she occupies of the fields which the sterner sex may have thought it had monopolized.

Everything in the show is conducted by women. In the box office there is a pretty face, and at the doors there are others, beside some 15 women, in smart blue uniforms, highly burnished brass buttons, helmets and shields, and carrying miniature "billy club," see to it that there is no disturbance of the public peace, and incidentally prevent congestion in the passageway by their repeated admonitions to "move on, please," in a manner very like that of the real policemen on the busy street corner.

A man rushed up to the hospital tent early one evening and appealed to the uniformed "nurses" with the red

crosses on their arms to hasten to attend his wife, who, he said, had stepped on a nail which had penetrated the foot, causing great pain. The girls looked at each other as though they had forgotten their lines, and the agitated man became exasperated at the delay. Finally the nurses had to confess that they were only "acting the part" and that they were not nurses at all, and the man much troubled at the delay in obtaining medical assistance for his injured wife, ran out of the Garden and found a physician.

USING SOFT COAL.

The department at Washington which deals with social and economic questions has issued a circular giving instructions how to use soft coal. In effect, the somewhat long statement made by the Washington experts is that the best kind of bituminous coal for furnaces is that known as semi-bituminous; but in using it, methods precisely the reverse of those employed with anthracite must be adopted. In the feed door of every furnace there is a slide damper to admit air over the fire, and the same is true of most of the ranges now in use. When anthracite coal is used these dampers are kept open only when it is desired to deaden the fire or lower the temperature of the house. With soft coal these dampers must be left open all the time. The first stage is the combustion of soft coal is its "coking," which calls for more air than can be had through the body of the fuel, and unless this air is supplied above the fire, the best heat of the coal is not received, the gases escaping by the chimney. Too much air for good combustion can be admitted over the fire, but it is not likely to occur if only the slide damper is kept open. The draught openings in the ash-pit door, or under the fire, do not need to be open as widely or kept open as long as they would in burning anthracite coal. With the same amount of hot-ton draught it is customary to give anthracite coal, the soft coal would burn too freely, and much of the heat be lost. It should be remembered also that the funnel pipe into the chimney, which with hard coal usually is kept partly closed during moderate weather, should be kept nearly open all the time to allow the free passage of smoke when soft coal is used. While the anthracite fire is raked from the bottom, the bituminous should be packed down from the top. It may be added that when practicable it is best to have zinc pipes to connect kitchen stoves with the chimney.

A DEADLY JOKE.

A Pontiac undertaker relates that on a certain occasion a farmer near the town came in and ordered a casket for his wife. She was not yet dead, but the prospect was so bright that the husband said there was no chance of living the day out. The casket was hastily trimmed, but a week elapsed and still it stood in the shop, solemnly awaiting the customer. Then the man reappeared and said that, contrary to his plans, his wife was "up around" doing her housework. It was a year before that casket was needed, and then it was for the farmer instead of his wife, whereupon cometh the Pontiac Press and says, "The joke was on him."

A PUBLISHER'S WIT.

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Wit, which is one of the characteristics of his countrymen. An example of it, which he gave at the recent meeting of conference will be especially appreciated by his fellow publishers. The Doctor was making his report on the subscription list of the Christian Guardian, and had to touch upon the sad fact of many subscribers being in arrears. "The paper has hosts of friends," said the Doctor. "All over the country are those who boast of being unrelenting supporters of the Guardian. But, for my part, I would much prefer that they should be occasionally remitting supporters!"

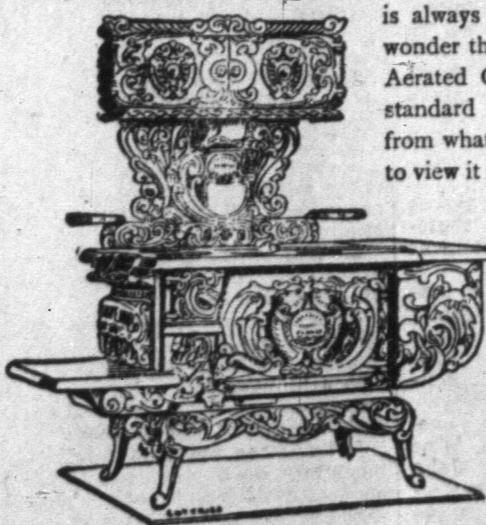
HOBSON PLAYING HOB.

Halifax Herald.

It is not usual for brave men to brag, but too much kissing, it would appear, may make one mad, in both senses of the term. Captain R. H. Hobson, of the United States navy, has almost outdone his countryman who gave the celebrated toast: "Here's to the United States—bound on the north by the Aurora Borealis, on the south by the Southern Cross, on the east by the Procession of the Equinoxes, and on the west by the Day of Judgment!" In the October North America Review, Captain Hobson has an article entitled "America Must be Mistress of the Seas." He says there are "cumulative factors" that mark "the United States for a mighty naval power of Great Britain is but a stepping stone." "Canada is a hostage from the British empire," he observes, incidentally. But this weakness of Britain is really immaterial, for he quotes figures to show that the United States beats the world in nearly everything, and "the average American man for man, is from two to five times as vigorous as the average European." Besides he is much taller, and he "eats about twice as much strong food as the average Englishman, who is the best fed man in Europe." The Yankee in fact "bangs Bangsler and Bangsler bangs the devil!"

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