

LAWYERS AFTER MR. MITCHELL

The Miners' President Stands Their Bullying Tactics Very Well. Mr. MacVeagh Claims That the Coal Region Has Seen Five Months of Hell.

The Matter of the Methods of Strikers and of the Coal and Iron Police Taken Up.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 17.—President Mitchell of the miners' union resumed the stand-to-day hearing of the coal strike commission and his cross-examination by Wayne MacVeagh, which was begun Saturday, was continued. Mr. MacVeagh, representing the Erie company, which operates the mines under the names of the Pennsylvania Coal company and the Illinois Coal and Iron company. Mr. Mitchell, who has been on the stand since Friday morning, brought with him a number of documents and books which he frequently referred to in order to refresh his memory.

There seemed to be no falling off in the interest in the proceedings. A large number of persons patiently stood in line in the corridor of the building in the hope of gaining admittance to the hearing. Only a small portion of them were successful. The limited accommodations being almost entirely taken up by counsel for both sides and mining officials.

Methods of Strikers. Mr. MacVeagh began his examination by reading from newspaper clippings of the methods of the miners' organization known as the operative plasters' association of New York, against the employers.

"Do you approve or do you heartily disapprove of these methods?" Mr. MacVeagh asked. "I should say that my union has no such rules," was Mitchell's response.

Mr. MacVeagh repeated his questions and Mr. Mitchell said, "I can only say that in the absence of knowledge as to the causes which made them adopt such resolutions, I am not competent to pass upon the fairness or unfairness of them. On the surface and with the information you convey to me, I should say they are unfair."

Mr. MacVeagh referred to the subject of placing the responsibility for the increased price of coal and iron on the miners. "Do you still feel at liberty to say that it is none of your business what additional cost the people will have to pay for their coal if that additional cost is the immediate result of your demands?"

"I have not said at any time it was none of your business," replied Mr. Mitchell. "I have stated it was beyond our control. That we have absolutely nothing to do with the selling price of coal."

"Won't you men have to work five years to make up the loss they sustained during the strike?" Mr. MacVeagh asked. "Not by any means," was the positive answer of Mr. Mitchell.

"Mr. Mitchell, do you think you have the right to ask for an increase in wages which, if granted, would increase the cost of living to hundreds of thousands of poor?"

The miners' representative replied that there are 500,000 persons in the anthracite fields who are starving, and it is their fundamental right to ask for living wages in return for their labor.

Protecting the Properties. The examination for a few minutes became very spirited on this phase of the proceedings. Then Mr. MacVeagh turned to the matter of protecting the properties during the strike.

Replying to questions by Mr. MacVeagh on the right of picketing employed by their property, Mr. Mitchell said that the provision in the miners' constitution against pickets grew out of the Homestead strike which was a matter of private detectives were employed as private guards of whom he declared had been recruited from the slums of Philadelphia and other cities. Mr. Mitchell insisted that the city, county and state authorities were competent to handle the matter.

Raising his voice to a pitch and speaking with great fervor, Mr. MacVeagh asked the witness:

"Don't you know as well as you know your name is John Mitchell, that in spite of the authorities of this city, of this county and of this state, the whole region has been treated for five months to a veritable forest of hell?"

Mr. Mitchell calmly replied: "I don't know anything of the kind."

THEY'VE HAD PLENTY A MARKET FOR OIL FUTURES

Rank and File of the Dukhobors Are Quite Content to Remain at Home. Old Leaders Have Lost Their Power—Great Rejoicing When the Men Returned.

Such a Market as Is Proposed Would Give the City Still Greater Prominence.

Minneapolis is to be the greatest linseed oil market in the world. Already the largest oil producing center, there is a proposition under discussion which will not only clinch this position, but will make the city preeminent in the linseed oil trade. It is proposed to establish a market here for oil futures.

Not only will this mean increased prestige for the city, but in this way it will make it a market for the city still greater prominence.

Special to The Journal. Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 17.—Immigration Officer Roy, who assisted General Colonization Agent Speers in driving the Dukhobor horde back to their villages, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday. He says that there was great rejoicing at the Dukhobor villages on the return of the men. Many were the greetings between husband and wife, mother and son and sister and brother. The women, since being separated from the men, appear to have cooled in their fanatic ardor and are quite content to remain at home. The leaders were still possessed of their crazy notions, but had lost their hold on their followers.

Mr. Roy is of the opinion that the Dukhobors have had enough experience in the severe weather and he does not believe that the leaders, however enthusiastic, will attempt to return to their villages.

Mr. Mitchell Scores. "I dare say," Mr. Mitchell remarked, "if our union violates the contract the people of this country will take good care that we have no union left. There will be no question about that and if the operators violate it the people of the United States will see that they regret it."

Mr. Mitchell denied that he had had any conference with the coal operators at that time and said that during the strike Senator Hanna had spoken to him over the telephone and had seen Dan Keefe, president of the International Longshoremen's union, to see him. He denied that through Mr. Keefe he agreed that if the 10 per cent wage was granted the strike would be called off, but said Senator Hanna had told him the operators had decided to make the offer of 10 per cent.

Mr. MacVeagh here took up the suggestion for a yearly agreement and attempted to show that the union could not control the price of coal and therefore an agreement is impracticable.

Mr. Mitchell said there were many differences which both sides justly complained of. He hoped would be wiped out by agreement.

A Call for the Soft Coal Operators. Reverting for a moment to the yearly agreement, Chairman Gray announced that the commission had decided to invite Herman Just, commissioner of the Illinois Operatives' association, to appear before the commission on Friday. Also the yearly agreements between the soft coal operators and the Illinois miners who belong to Mr. Mitchell's organization. At the counsel on both sides, invitations will be sent to other soft coal operators.

Boycotting. Mr. MacVeagh, seeking a direct answer to his queries regarding boycotts asked the witness why he could not use his influence to put an end to boycotting and to further intimidation of men, women and children whose lives have been made unendurable.

Mr. Mitchell responded that it was the very fathers and husbands of this people, who have themselves made their families unendurable. Mr. MacVeagh, drawing himself closer to where the witness was sitting, said:

"If such cases are shown you until you grow weary of them, as I will show you, will you then agree to take drastic, thorough-going, effectual measures to root it out as you would any other equally un-American, cowardly practice?"

This question Mr. Mitchell answered by saying that people have a perfect right to whatever they choose provided they come within the law.

When asked if he countenanced the stoppage of funerals, the preventing of a physician attending a noted doctor or a member of his family, Mr. Mitchell declared that he did not.

A photograph of a young woman school teacher, who, it was alleged, had been dismissed from her position because her father had been a non-unionist, was handed to Mr. Mitchell and he was asked if it was fair to rob her of her position on that account. Judge Gray repeated the question.

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CHARGE OF THE SPEAKERSHIP BRIGADE. Cannon to right of them, Cannon to left of them, Cannon in front of them, Volleyed and thundered.

lastic can again incite the colonies to concentrate their inhabitants in another crazy mission. James T. Richardson of Yorkton, a visitor in the city, discussing the recent Dukhobor trouble, said: "Pamphlets written in the United States by Russian agitators possessed of Eutopian ideas, started the movement and the fanatical notions advanced were fanned by their 'John the Baptist,' and other misguided leaders who appeared to have eloquence and power, without the common sense which is an essential with such qualities. These leaders, Mr. Richardson says, would certainly have led the poor people to death if strong measures had not been adopted to stop their foolish march.

OTT SAW THE JIG WAS UP

Alleged Leared of Thieves in Montana and North Dakota Kills Himself When Caught.

Special to The Journal. Shelby Junction, Mont., Nov. 17.—John Ott, a prisoner in jail here, committed suicide Saturday night, sending a bullet through his heart. In his death the authorities believe the law has lost the man who has been at the head of a gang of thieves and burglars operating in at least two states.

NEW CONSUMPTION CURE

Marvelous Result of Treatment of Fred Hammann by Vienna Specialist. New York, Nov. 17.—Fred Hammann, a patient with thasty consumption, selected by the New York Journal at the Vanderbilt clinic from 100 other cases, and sent at the Journal's expense to Professor Hoff, the eminent specialist at Vienna, to prove to the world that the disease is curable, has returned home completely cured. Dr. Hoff's famous prescription, together with a bottle of the medicine and a twenty-four page handbook, containing the Journal's account of the cure as it progressed, is being sent out free to consumptives and sufferers from bronchitis, asthma and catarrh, by the Journal Research Society, 597 American Tract building, New York city.

the city unique in this respect since there are only a few markets in the world where there is a trade in oil futures. Liverpool has such a trade and oil futures are quoted in New York, but in neither market is there much activity, and it is believed Minneapolis would soon pass these points in volume of future business. It is pointed out that there is the opportunity here for the chamber of commerce to add to the commodities dealt in on 'change and so increase the outside interest in the business on the floor. No other market would have a basis to work on that would enable it to compete with Minneapolis. As the growth of the flour milling business has made this the greatest cash wheat market and incidentally has built up a great market for wheat futures, so the growth of the linseed oil industry has made it a great cash flax market. Flax futures are dealt in here, in Duluth, Chicago and many other markets. And it is now believed there is the opportunity to build a trade in oil futures.

The growth of the packing industry gave rise to a great market for provisions on the Chicago Board of Trade and made that market the provision center of the world. One may buy or sell pork or lard or any other provision in any of the big cities. Everywhere watch the changes in the Chicago prices. Minneapolis, it is believed, might draw the interest so completely that linseed oil buyers the world over would watch the Minneapolis quotations, and instead of guiding upon the price of January or May oil in Minneapolis, there are 139 presses in Minnesota, a number in excess of any other flax crushing point in the world. The American Linseed Oil company operates four mills containing 69 presses. Of the independent mills the Midland, the largest, has turned out 550 barrels of oil in a day and the total daily capacity of all the Minneapolis mills is close to 2,000 barrels a day, which is an enormous capacity, considering that it is of a product averaging 60 cents a gallon the year around.

With this capacity enlarging from year to year the city has a solid base on which to build up a trade in oil futures.

THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS. Charleston, S. C., Nov. 17.—The report of Controller General Derham, just published, gives the total paid out this year in Confederate pensions at \$260,227. The total number of pensioners is 7,750. Eighty-seven veterans collected \$1,000 in 1902. The increase in the number of pensioners grows yearly, and if this condition continues the appropriation will furnish a pittance much smaller than that now received.

GREENSBORO, Pa., Nov. 17.—The powder mill of Love & Sunbino, located near here, blew up to-day, killing Joseph France and William Norris. This is the fifth time the mill has blown up within three years. The loss to the owners is not known.

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