



LAND FRAUDERS ARE INDICTED

ANTHRACITE STRIKE IS THOUGHT TO BE AVERTED

Miners Convention on Mitchell's Advice, Vote to Adopt Operators Proposition for Continuance of Commission's Award.

DECISION IS JOYFULLY RECEIVED BY MINERS

ACTION OF CONVENTION TOGETHER WITH A REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE MONDAY, IS TELEGRAPHED TO BAER, OF OPERATORS COMMITTEE, AND AN ANSWER IS RECEIVED AGREEING TO CONFERENCE—NEWS WELCOME.

SCRANTON, May 5.—On the advice of President Mitchell, representing the sub-scale committee, the miners' convention unanimously voted to adopt the first proposition of the operators, for a continuance of the award of the anthracite commission with the modification, that the term for which it is to continue shall be mutually agreed upon. The operators' suggestion is that it should be at least three years.

The action of the convention, together with the request for a conference on Monday, was telegraphed by President Mitchell to Chairman Baer of the operators' committee and an answer was received agreeing to the conference.

The only matters to be discussed at the conference are the length of time the awards shall continue and the provision for no discrimination against the

men who obeyed the miners' suspension of orders. It is practically certain the operators will not accede to any proposition for a two-year agreement as that would throw the next conference into the presidential year, and as the miners do not want a long term agreement the chances are that the three-year agreement will be eventually entered upon. An intimation has reached here from President Baer that the operators will not discriminate against the miners now in suspension. It looks therefore as if the strike has been averted and the miners will return to work, probably on May 14.

The news that the convention had decided against a strike was received with great joy throughout the region. To the miners the news was very satisfactory. They were willing to strike if Mitchell thought necessary, but are glad he has decided otherwise.

FIELD MEET RESULTS.

Cornell Beats Princeton.

PRINCETON, May 5.—Cornell defeated Princeton in the dual track meet today by a score of 38 3-4 to 7 1/2.

Pennsylvania Beats Columbia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—Pennsylvania defeated Columbia today in annual meet by a score 102 to 15.

Harvard Beats Dartmouth.

CAMBRIDGE, May 5.—Harvard won its first dual track meet from Dartmouth today by a score of 101 to 16.

CONSIDER FOOD QUESTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The food question was the subject of an important conference today at the Presidio and at its conclusion General Greeley stated that while staple supplies will last ten days longer, the money appropriated for the purpose of purchasing supplies has been exhausted. The general added that he was convinced that repeating still continues. He is willing to put the screws on, he says, but not until the general committee signifies such a wish.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 5.—Fire which devastated a large part of the shipping district of this town tonight caused a loss of \$150,000. Six warehouses, lumber yards, produce concerns, a dairy and the Northern Pacific depot were destroyed. There was \$20,000 insurance.

DEFER AGITATION.

ODESSA, May 5.—The Jewish political Association of Southwestern Russia yesterday unanimously resolved to defer any parliamentary agitation for equality in civil and political rights until the session of parliament until the year 1907.

MORE LAND FRAUDS.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—Civil proceedings to recover about 3500 acres of land alleged to have been fraudulently secured from the government and located in this district, have been brought by the federal district attorney against Benson and Hyde and several others.

COAST BASE BALL SCORES.

Northwest League.
TACOMA, May 5.—Tacoma 9, Gray's Harbor 8.
SPOKANE, May 5.—Spokane 0, Butte 5.
Pacific Coast League.
PORTLAND, May 5.—Portland 7, Oakland 6 (ten innings).
FRESNO, May 5.—Los Angeles 1, Fresno 3.
SEATTLE, May 5.—Seattle 10, San Francisco 2.

ENDORSE STRIKE.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has given its endorsement to a strike among 3000 agricultural laborers in the Arecibo district, Porto Rico. The laborers are contending for an increase of wages which it is felt by the executive council should be granted. The men on strike are engaged principally in the sugar industry. A cablegram was received yesterday by President Gompers notifying him of the situation and it was upon the facts presented that the executive council took the course stated.

WARSHIP AGROUND

Battleship Rhode Island Fast in Chesapeake Bay.

RUNS OUT OF THE CHANNEL

Ship Was Entering York River Before Baybreak and Strikes Sand Spit—Tugs Rush to Her Assistance.

NORFOLK, Va., May 5.—The battleship Rhode Island stranded off York spit in Chesapeake bay today. The vessel passed in the capes early this morning from the Boston navy yard and was en route to Yorktown. The big ship was just entering the mouth of the York river when she struck her nose on a sand bar and from last reports she is still hard aground.

The ship notified the wireless station here and asked for aid. The tugs Uncas, Hercules and Mohawk rushed to her assistance and have been standing by her since early this afternoon. No one is able to place the responsibility for the stranding of the battleship. There was no fog or storm on the bay this morning and officials are unable to account for the accident. She was probably trying to enter the York river before daybreak and was out of the channel. In the event of the successful floating of the ship she will be brought here to determine the amount of damage she has sustained.

BREAK IN PRICES.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Enormous speculative holdings of stocks have been forced to liquidation in Wall street this week, producing a disorderly break in prices. The relief thus offered resulted in some recovery, in which covering of shorts by bears played an important part. The requirements for the May settlements brought to an acute stage the pressure upon the market originating in the heavy expansion of credits in new enterprises and the convulsive requirements growing out of the sudden calamity in San Francisco. The report on the Standard Oil inquiry and the prospect of an anthracite coal strike were minor factors in extending the influences of depression in the market.

RACE TRACK WAR.

NEW YORK, May 5.—What appears to be a new plan to make war upon the race tracks at the instance of some disgruntled pool room keepers developed in the betting ring at Jamaica yesterday, says a morning paper. A process server in the employ of a Park Row lawyer arrived before the first race with a bundle of subpoenas. They were made out in the names of an officer and a steward of the Jockey Club and several bookmakers. Two bookmakers were served. The lawyer, it is said, is the local representative of a prominent pool room man.

On the surface, the case involved is a simple one. A bet of \$35 was made some time ago at one of the local tracks by a client of the attorney and under the provisions of the racing law a losing wager can be recovered by civil action. This case has gradually worked its way up to the Supreme Court, and the attorneys' representative said yesterday that the men for whom subpoenas were issued would be called upon to testify as to the existence of gambling at the track, with the idea of securing a favorable decision in the higher courts.

WARSHIP AGROUND FAVOR AMENDMENT

Republican Senators Will Vote for Allison Amendment.

TO RAILROAD RATE MEASURE

Many Democrats Who Favored Bailey's Amendment Look With Disfavor on Allison's And Will Vote Against It.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Assurances today were given the President that practically the full Republican strength would be cast for the Allison amendment to the railroad rate bill. Many senators called at the White House and a few at the apartments of Senator Allison and in this way the measure will be enacted. It is probable a compromise will not be offered until Tuesday or Wednesday, when the rate making and court sections of the bill are reached. After this is voted on there will be few amendments pressed, and a final vote on the bill may come as early as Wednesday.

Many Democrats who favored Bailey's amendment, look with disfavor on the Allison amendment, and it is suggested the Democrats will vote against the amendment not with the idea of defeating it, but simply to show their disapproval of its terms. The minority it is believed vote unanimously for bill on final vote.

INCITED EXCESSES.

EKATERINOSLAV, Russia, May 5.—Considerable interest has been aroused here by the approaching trial of Bergman, a provocative agent of the government, who will be tried May 10 on the charge of inciting anti-Jewish excesses in several cities.

Last year Bergman provoked the massacres at Ekaterinoslav by throwing a bottle of vitriol in the face of the commissary of police. After he had been arrested, he confessed to the prosecutor that his real name was Alexieff and that he was an agent for the secret police and that for some time he had acted under the direction of General Trepoff. He claimed he had fired at the prefect of Minsk in trying to provoke disorders in that city. A general strike has been caused by the arrest and subsequent banishment of the director and the instructors of the polytechnic school here and by the dismissal of the students.

U. S. GRAND JURY FINDS TWENTY-ONE TRUE BILLS

Names of Twenty-One Prominent Persons are Made Public By U. S. Attorney Bristow and Prosecutions Will Be Instituted.

OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND ACRES INVOLVED

INDICTMENTS ALLEGE THE CONSPIRATORS PROCURED POSSESSION OF FOUR HUNDRED CLAIMS INVOLVING 201,000 ACRES—WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ARREST OF THE CONSPIRATORS AT ONCE.

PORTLAND, May 6.—Late tonight District Attorney W. C. Bristow made public the names of twenty-one men included in the final and most important government land fraud indictment returned by the present Federal grand jury which today brought a conclusion to its hearings and was discharged.

The indictments, of which the charges are far reaching, show an intricate conspiracy to secure 200,000 acres of some of the finest timber land in Oregon, are located in Crook, Lake and Klamath counties. The names of those persons indicted are: F. W. Gilchrist, Ralph Gilchrist, Patrick Culligan and James Macpherson of Alpena, Mich.; Herman W. Stone of Benson, Minn.; Baron C. A. M. O. S. Schlierholz, of Little Rock, Ark.; Charles M. Elkins and Jack Combs of Prineville and Benjamin F. Allen of Portland, doing business as Elkins and Co.; Judge M. E. Brink of Prineville; Donald F. Steffa, editor of the Crook County Journal, Prineville; A. C. Palmer and H. Judd Palmer, lawyers of Portland; E. Dorgan, F. J. Devine and John Collins, members of the firm of Dorgan and Co., Albany; Malcolm McAlpin, a merchant of Albany; J. W. Hopkins an attorney of Vancouver; W. W. Brown, an attorney of Seattle; T. H. Watkins, former members of Erickson and Watkins Co., Prineville; and Edgar M. White, a sa-

loonkeeper of Portland.

Leaders Are Named.

According to the indictment, Elkins and Co., Dorgan & Co., the Gilchrist, Culligan, Macpherson and Stone were the moving spirits in the alleged conspiracy. If the allegations in the indictment are all true, the mode of operations is similar to those of nearly all the conspiracies which have been found in this State, with this exception, that its ramifications are alleged to be wonderfully extensive. The simplified plan was merely to obtain the land by procuring entry men to file on the desirable public acreage and as soon as the patent was issued, to sell it to the alleged ring leaders. According to the indictment these others, besides the persons alleged to be behind the movement, were tools through which the alleged leaders worked. Some of these men, it is alleged secured entrymen to go upon public land designated by the leaders, while the indictment asserts others, by reason of their prominence in responsible communities, employed further alleged schemes by recommending them to prominent offices. Although the indictments declare the alleged conspirators procured possession of 400 claims involving 201,000 acres, those accused are charged with securing of but 150 claims.

Warrants will be issued at once for the arrest of those accused and it is expected their apprehension will take place immediately.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The general debate on the naval appropriation bill terminated with the close of today's session of the house, one paragraph of the bill being read in order to make it the continuance order, before the house adjourned. Foss of Illinois, in charge of the bill stated the naval budget would probably be completed after two days' debate under the five minute rule. Payne, the floor leader, thought it would take a day longer.

GETS TEN YEARS.

MILWAUKEE, May 5.—Henry G. Goll, former cashier of the First National Bank, indicted for misappropriation of funds, was this afternoon sentenced to ten years at Fort Leavenworth. Goll protested his innocence. Frank G. Bigelow, former president of the bank, now serving a sentence for defalcation, was the principal witness against Goll. He testified that many of Goll's acts were done at Bigelow's instigation, but of some of them he had no knowledge.

RECORDS SHOW FEW PEOPLE WERE WANTONLY KILLED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The records of Coroner Walsh have disposed of the widely circulated stories that a large number of people were shot and killed by soldiers during the great fire and earthquake. Of all the cases handled by this official in only one was it found that death was due to gunshot wounds. This was Heber Tilden, killed

by a civic guardsman. The military authorities have records of two cases of killing for disobedience of military orders, but not a single record of any person being shot to death for looting. Walsh says during the excitement he heard many reports of such killings, but from fact he never got the bodies, which convinces him the stories were false.

MORMON BISHOP ARRESTED FOR BEING POLYGAMIST

BASIN, Wyo., May 5.—A sensation was created here by the arrest of Bishop J. Jolly, head of the Mormon settlement in Big Horn county yesterday charged with sustaining polygamous relations with two wives. Jolly's arrest will be followed by a score of other prosecutions of prominent members of the Mormon church in this

county on similar charges, it is said. The alleged discovery that the Mormons who now almost control Big Horn county, have planned to divide the county and create a new one in which they can control, has aroused the gentiles and infuriated them to instigate criminal proceedings on charges of polygamy.