ARBITRATORS BEGIN WORK.

INSPECT COLLIERIES IN HARD COAL REGION.

Tour of Inspection Begun Which Was Productive Complete as with the Conditions of Workers and Operators.

The seven commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to adjust the differences existing between the anthracite mine-workers and their employers made a tour Friday of the extreme upper coal fields and saw every step taken in the production of coal from the time it is blasted from the ground, hundreds of feet below the surface, up to the point where it is sent to market ready for the use of the consumer.

The arbitrators had an interesting day, and returned to their hotel at 6:30 o'clock, grimy from coal dust and tired, after eight long hours of observation and investigation. The trip was a novelty to most of them in the commissioners' party, some of whom never had been in the hard coal regions. The commissioners displayed the greatest interest in every feature of coal mining and were about their work in a manner that was pleasing to behold. The mining superintendents accompanied the commissioners.

The seven arbitrators had to endure many discomforts, make their way through wet places in the mines, almost crawl along some of the gangways in the workings and pass through clouds of coal dust in the breakers. Notwithstanding this, their eagerness for information was not diminished, and they expect to put in another hard day's work in that vicinity.

All the commissioners were good listeners but poor talkers when it came to getting an expression from any of them on any feature of the mining business. From their actions, it is certain that they have agreed not to say what they think of the questions that will come before them. Several persons approached one or another of the commissioners during the day during for the purpose of having him say what he thought of something he saw, and in each case the inquirer was rebuffed.

The arbitrators had an interesting time at the Coal Brook breaker at Carbondale. They went to the top of the great black building and inspected all of the machinery down to the ground. They were much interested in the men and boys who are employed in picking slate and "money" from the coal. From the breaker the commissioners were escorted to the slope, where the coal fresh out of the mine is sent to the breaker by means of a conveyor, an endless chain arrangement of scrapers.

It is here that one of the principal bones of contention between the employers and employees is found. The miners maintain they are often unjustly docked by the docking bosses for the amount of slate, bone or other refuse found in the coal. The commissioners watched the work of the boss closely, and saw him dock several miners because in his judgment there was too much of the foreign matter in the car of coal. A few feet away in the place where the cars of coal are weighed.

After the seven commissioners had watched the weighing of coal for awhile, Mr. Clark inquired how many pounds constituted a ton at this colliery. Superintendent Hayden thought it was 2000 pounds, but District President Nicholls said it was a little over 2400 pounds.

The tour of inspection will be continued until the commission is thoroughly familiar with the conditions under which the miners and companies work and can form their own ideas of the justice of the miners' contentions.

A Tennessee Tragedy.

Manuel Thurman, a saloon keeper, of Dayton, Tenn., shot and killed N. J. Cooley and his son-in-law, Will Whitfield. Whitfield was shot three times and died immediately. Cooley lingered a few hours and made a dying statement to the effect that Cooley and Whitfield were at Cooley's home when Thurman entered the room occupied by Cooley's daughter. Whitfield followed Thurman into the room and grappled with him. Cooley then entered and Thurman opened fire.

Republicans Will Control House.

The following statement of the results of congressional elections through out the country has been made by Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional committee: "The next House will contain at least 204 Republicans. That is a majority of 30 for the Republicans. That is my minimum estimate. I do not see how our majority can possibly fall below that figure. We may have a majority of at least ten more. I have $10,000 in cash to wager that the Republicans will control the next house."

At Laporte, Tex., an engine spark started a small prairie fire. A freight train following fanned the blaze and the cotton on a flat car was ignited. The entire train with the exception of one car of cotton was burned.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jasper Ewing Brady, formerly second in command of the Twenty-third regiment, and one of the best known military officers in New York, is now on his way to California, in the hope of recovering his health. His lungs are seriously affected.

KICKED HIS BOY TO DEATH.

Father Brutally Murders His Child and Threatens the Other Children.

Clement Spreadling, held at Ione, Cal., for the killing of his four-year-old son, is threatened with lynching. Spreadling's family consisted of a wife, three daughters and a son. With his daughters and boy the father was herding sheep last Friday. The boy was unable to keep up with the others. The father placed him on a stone beside a spring, telling him to wait until his return.

The boy, becoming tired of sitting still, began to peel the loose bark of a tree that overhung the spring. Presently the father returned, and noticing the bark on the ground asked the boy who had done it. The boy replied that he had.

"I would rather save you dead than raise you to destroy everything on the farm," is the reply the father is said to have made, and then, it is charged, he picked up a stone and struck the boy on the head, knocking him down. Then, it is alleged, he kicked the prostrate baby in the head until he had killed him, and turning to his daughters, threatened them with a like fate if they ever told what had occurred. Afterward he went home and told the boy while chasing sheep had run against a tree and killed himself.

Becoming alarmed he took his eldest daughter and went to the mountains. His wife hired neighbors to bury the body of the child, and then went to the home of Judge E. Hensley. She told him of the death of her son, and said she suspected her husband, who told her he was going into the mountains to hunt squirrels, and stated that at different times he had threatened to kill the whole family.

The judge took her with two younger daughters to his home and presented the case to the grand jury. One of the little girls told the jury that her father had kicked the boy to death. Shortly afterward a sheriff's posse captured Spreadling in the mountains but his eldest daughter was not with him.

Spreadling's missing daughter turned up later, barefooted and ragged, after her escape from her father in the mountains. She was immediately taken before the grand jury and testified to how her father killed the boy, threatened her life and that of her mother. She testified that he would have brained them heretofore, but for the interference of neighbors. Judge Hensley has the jail so strongly guarded that there is no longer any danger of lynching. Spreading will be given a speedy trial.

RICH STRIKE IN IDAHO.

Five and Ten Thousand Dollar Pay in Black Bonnet District.

A remarkably rich discovery of gold in the Black Bonnet district near Helena, has caused a stampede to Cornwallville in early days. Knowledge of the discovery got out Saturday evening, and men started out at once to secure claims. They kept going all night, and Sunday several hundred visited the scene of the discovery. The discovery is a bitterly poisonous vein about a mile and a half from the Black Bonnet mine.

The lead was filed and was caused in doing some work on a property located on another vein. On the hanging wall is a streak of talc that is very rich, next lies fourteen inches of ore, showing great quantities of gold. It is variously estimated to be worth from $5,000 to $10,000 alone. Then comes about four feet of ordinary ore.

The vein has been opened at several other points. At one point 600 feet from the original discovery very rich ore was met with, and in all the others good ore shows.

Roosevelt Will Visit Bear in Mississippi.

President Roosevelt will make a trip through a part of the south next month if official business should not make his presence in Washington a necessity at that time. The primary object of the trip would enable the president to attend the reception to be tendered by the citizens of Memphis to General Luke White, vice governor of the Philippines. Subsequently it is expected the president will accept an invitation to participate in a bear hunt in the cane brakes of Mississippi.

Mineral Law Points.

Bar silver has sold at 73 7-16d per ounce, the lowest price in the history of the metal. For several days past, says the Journal of Commerce, the quotation has been hanging around 73 5-16@73 5-8d. The quotation of 73 5-16d was established on May 3rd of this year, but from that point there was a moderate recovery, touching 74 9-16d on July 10th. The quotation then commenced at fractions above 74d until September 6th, when it fell to 73 5-8d, since when it has been gradually sagging.

The proposed treaty between the United States and Cuba was returned to Washington from Havana by mail last Saturday. With the treaty was sent a counter proposition by the government of Cuba to that of the United States, the nature of which is not known.

Minister Wu Ting-fang has not been officially advised of the appointment of Yuan Shi Kai as minister of commerce of the Chinese empire, although in his view such an appointment would not be unlikely.

SAVE FOR LOVE OF GUN QU.

COUNTRY ROMANCE THAT ENDS IN A TRAGEDY.

Gay Young Lothario Plays an Unpleasant Part the Woman in the Case Declares Whereupon He Murders Her Sweetheart Rival.

In Salt Lake City Saturday night Ma Quong Tu, generally known as Charlie, was shot and killed by Yip Sing, who is said by other Chinamen to belong to the Highbinders society. The shooting took place in a room at 15 Plum alley, where Charlie was living with a woman called Gui Qu. The three had been eating supper together in the room occupied by Charlie and the woman, when some unknown person opened the door and called Yip out. Returning in about five minutes Yip opened the door stealthily, and coming in quickly shot three times at Charlie. Two of the shots took effect, one pierced the breast and another the abdomen. The wounded man sank to the floor and expired a few minutes later. Yip must have fled from behind the woman, as her left hand is scorched by the explosion of the powder. Yip immediately disappeared. An officer arrived on the scene in a short time and placed the woman under arrest. She was closely questioned through an interpreter at the police station, but professed not to have seen the man who did the shooting. She said he shot over her shoulder and that when she dared to turn around he was gone. She was locked up in jail pending developments.

Although a number of Chinese claim Yip was a highbinder, it is believed the tragedy was the result of jealousy between the two Celestials over the woman. Yip Sing had fallen in love with Gui Qu, and had endeavored to persuade her to elope with him. Although it is claimed by many of the Chinese gossips that she returned the affections of her ardent wooer, she elected to remain with Ma Quong Tu, and it is believed Yip planned the murder in a spirit of revenge.

ROBBERY OF RED MAN.

Wealthy Indian at Plains, Montana, Robbed of $6,000 by Two Men.

A special from Missoula, Montana, under date of November 7, says: Wilson Reed returned tonight from Plains and brings the news of a big robbery on the reservation last night. Michael Kalispell Indian, is well known as one of the rich Indians of the reservation. His wealth is estimated all the way from $50,000 to $100,000, all in money and cattle. Some of his money he keeps on deposit at Paline. He has been considerable at his home, which is in the reservation, about twenty-five miles from Plains. Last night while he was in Plains on a visit somebody broke into his house and rabbed his strong box, taking between $5,000 and $6,000. On the same night one man in carriage and the two in buggy were seen coming out of Kalispell's place. Sheriff Smith brought the news from Plains reaching there at 5:30 this morning. It is said that there are thirty Indians on the reservation, and that there is some prospect of overhauling the thief. Two mounted men were seen riding away from the house with the carriage team.

Comparative Statement of Government Finances in October.

The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of October, the total receipts were $71,201,[illegible] and the expenditures $66,[illegible], leaving a surplus for the month of $4,987,000. The surplus for the corresponding month last year was $9,100,000. For the four months of the present fiscal year the receipts have exceeded the expenditures by $11,500,000.

Butchered by Ladrones.

A portion of a gang of Ladrones which has been operating on the island of Biliran, where they committed various outrages, crossed over to the island of Leyte last Wednesday and entered a small town near Calgara. Here they captured and beheaded the president of the town, murdered his wife, whom they slashed with bolos, and abducted the president's children. The motive of this crime is said to have been the president's friendliness with the Americans.

Town Devastated by Fire.

The town of St. Pierre, N. F., has been devastated by fire. A destructive conflagration started Saturday night and swept the main portion of the town. The governor's house, the government buildings, the courthouse, the building occupied by the Ministry of Marine, the Roman Catholic cathedral, the Presbyterian church, the schools, and a number of other buildings were destroyed. It was not learned how the fire originated. The financial loss will probably reach half a million dollars.

A number of actors, actresses and clergymen have, at a meeting in New York City, adopted a constitution for the Actors' Church Alliance, a national organization, the object of which is to unite the interests of the stage and the church and oppose Sunday performances.

Negotiations are under way for a merger of the Pittsburg Coal company and the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, with combined authorized capitalization of $110,000,000 and assets of $170,998,581.

AT THE MERCY OF VOLCANIC FURIES AND FIRE.

Tiny Living Things in Coffee Zone of Guatemala Threatened to Extinction.

The coffee zone of Guatemala has been destroyed by the flames and ashes from Santa Maria's gaping mouth. Eruptions threaten the destruction of every living thing within reach of the flames and fire that pour from the burning mountain.

Frederic Castle Bros., importers of San Francisco, received from their coffee plantation in Guatemala, tells a story of intense interest, though the exact details are given in the message in code.

"Just Monday," said Louis Hirsch of Castle Bros., "I wired to our representatives there asking for news of the eruption of Maria, and last night I received in reply this cablegram:

"'It is true. Enormous losses. Horrible volcanic eruption. Coffee zone devastated. Our lives are in danger. Further reports will follow.'"

The coffee district referred to, said Mr. Hirsch, "are the Costa Cuca and Costa Grande. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed, as the dispatch seems to indicate, one third of the crop is most likely destroyed. The volcano, Santa Maria, is located between Retalhuleu and Quezaltenango. Everyone in the neighborhood most likely to be destroyed are San Felipe, Quezaltenango and Quezaltenango. The whole town has been dead or sleeping for many years.

"Last in the district last April at the time when an earthquake rocked the country. No volcanic eruption accompanied the quakes, however."

FATTING OF MISSISSIPPI LAND.

Crime a Negro for the Murder of a Prominent Citizen.

An unknown negro was burned at the stake at Darling, Miss., Saturday night for the murder of F. O. Jackson and a policeman named Howell, at Darling, Miss., Wednesday night.

The negro was burned by a mob of a thousand, both white and black. Just before the lighting of the funeral pyre the negro confessed that he had committed the double murder, with the assistance of two white men. The motive was robbery, and a considerable sum was secured, which the negro stated was divided among the three.

After the burning a posse went in search of the two white men, and soon captured two men. They succeeded in proving their innocence, however, and were released.

Horrible Crime of Deranged Anarchist.

A dynamite bomb, the weapon of a deranged anarchist, blew up the home of Joseph Kordick in Chicago Sunday, killing two members of the family and injuring several others. The house was set on fire and burned, and that of a neighbor caught fire and was also destroyed. Charles Smith, a former lodger at Mr. Kordick's house, who was paying attention to one of Kordick's daughters, has been arrested charged with the crime. The Kordick girl claims to have been married to another man four weeks ago, which statement he denies, but neighbors declare he made threats if the girl refused to leave the city he would blow up the entire family with dynamite. Smith was about from his room at the time of the explosion. Thomas Kubilinski, a witnesses, claims that Smith returned to his room greatly excited shortly after the explosion.

Mr. Arthur Gorman Sinking.

Collapse With Heart Trouble and All on Board Lost. There are Women.

The British steamer Sir Regalus, Captain McMillan, from Shields, for Alexandria, has got in at Gravesend, the reports having collided with and sunk the Spanish steamer Emero, Captain Delando, from Huelva, Spain, October 22nd. With the exception of three members, the crew of the Emero were drowned. The accident occurred Friday night off Dungeness.

Western Cotton Wizards.

Announcement has been made of the result in the annual competition of free scholarships at the New England Conservatory's school of opera. Two western girls were winners. Miss Mabel Manway of Reno, Nev., and Mamie Hope Davies of Los Angeles. Miss Manway was a winner last year, taking the contralto prize. She is a graduate of the conservatory, and has been engaged in Boston in concert and church work. Last winter she was heard as Amneris in "Aida."

Great Forest Fire Raging on Flathead Reservation in Montana.

The Rocky mountain division headquarters of the Northern Pacific railroad has been informed through private message that an immense forest fire is raging across the river from Jocko on the Flathead reservation. The flames are spreading unchecked and millions of feet of the finest timber is that part of the state are being destroyed. It is believed that only a heavy rain or snowfall will serve to quench the fire.

Canadian Students on Rampage.

The students of the different colleges of Toronto spent Halloween in riotous fashion. After leaving their halls they joined forces and marched through the main streets, throwing stones at street cars. They tore down signs and broke plate glass windows, thereby causing heavy damage to some of the big stores. Mounted police charged them, with the result that a number of students received serious injuries. Six of them were arrested.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Governor Yates of Illinois is suffering with typhoid fever.

General De Wet has started from London to South Africa.

Colombian rebels are still to be seen in the vicinity of the isthmus.

Three men were killed by an explosion of gas in a coal mine at Nesquehoning, Pa.

Rear-Admiral Sobley D. Evans has assumed command of the Asiatic squadron.

J. P. Morgan is now said to be at work on a scheme to merge the soft coal interests.

The rumor that the czar is suffering from a nervous complaint has been officially denied.

The strike of motormen on the Hudson Valley railroad has been settled the men winning.

Three men were killed by a cave-in while engaged in cleaning out a culvert near Wenatchee, Wash.

An express train struck a milk wagon on a crossing at Elgin, Ills., four men being killed.

A cold wave which has struck Texas is doing much damage, hundreds of sheep having perished.

In Montreal 10,000 dock laborers went on a strike, completely tying up the business of the port.

The custom receipts for the entire island of Cuba for the month of October amounted to $1,344,419.

There have been 404 deaths from cholera at Jerusalem and seventy-six at Ghazzah during the past week.

The town of Bologna, Massineria, has been captured by bandits and Russian troops have been sent to its relief.

A cigarette is responsible for a fire at Logan that destroyed by hay stack and barn belonging to David Rees.

The total weight of mail dispatched by sea to foreign countries during the past fiscal year was 38,112,777 pounds.

There have been seven earthquakes throughout Guatemala and the volcano of Santa Maria is still in great eruption.

Miss Julia Marlowe has been obliged, it is understood, to cancel her engagements for the next two weeks on account of illness.

The news of the return to Chile of United States Minister Henry L. Wilson has been received in official circles with great satisfaction.

News has reached Lisbon of the foundering of the Italian steamer Prima Vera. It is not known whether any lives were lost or not.

The committee of the currency has decided upon a bond of 75 per cent in favor of the creditors of the insolvent First National bank of Vancouver, Wash.

Mon La Fontine, champion heavyweight of Montana, knocked out Edwin Crook of Great Falls, in the eleventh round. Crook went to the floor under a straight left.

Leading Manchurians assert that the Japanese intend seven losses on the Yalu to keep during the present fighting in the Korean pass by the use of dynamite mines.

Emperor William will need no farewell night English cabinet ministers at King Edward's home party at Sandringham and among them will be Colonial Secretary Chamberlain.

The British House Secretary, Mr. Akers-Douglas, has ordered the exhumation of the body of the last wife of George Chapman, who is charged with having poisoned the woman.

There is an epidemic of measels in the Kamchatka peninsula. Ten thousand persons have died of the disease and the population of some country villages has been nearly wiped out.

E. E. Langer, a locomotive engineer of Chicago, dropped dead in a hotel at Shawnee, Okla., shortly after eating a quantity of nuts, which the physicians claimed caused heart failure. He was 40 years old.

The efficacy of the serum, so far, against the spread of the plague, which was discovered in Yokohama on the 6th inst., is demonstrated by the fact that up to date only five cases have occurred.

Among the 1,800 Doukhobors in Yorkton, Assiniboine, no disturbance of any kind is reported. It has developed be good question, that their immediate errand is peaceful, being the conversion of Yorkton to their vegetarian and humanitarian ideas.

Dr. Ernest Lederle, president of the New York Health department, has called a meeting of house physicians in all hospitals and dispensaries to formulate plans for the eradication of trachoma, a disease of the eye, commonly known as "granulated eyelids."

Captain Bernard Cogan, whose death by drowning in Alaskan waters has just been reported in New York, lived formerly in Newark, N. J. During forty-nine years he followed the life of a whaler and was one of the best versed men in Arctic waters.

Twelve striking bill-posters and their sympathizers were arrested in Chicago for violating a restraining order issued by Judge Chytraus. When arrested the men scoffed and jeered at the injunction. All were released on bonds signed by the union's attorney.

NORTHWEST NOTES.

P. Maloney, the man arrested by the Butte police on suspicion of being the robber who held up the Northern Pacific express last week, was released. He proved an alibi.

The season for ole has closed in Montana, and the game wardens propose that the law shall be rigorously enforced, in order to prevent extinction of the royal game.

T. P. Day and Dr. Blackman had a narrow escape from being run down by a trolley car in Colorado Springs while driving in a phaeton. The horse attached to the vehicle was killed.

Precious stones have just been found near the Carbonado mines on the West Gallatin river near Bozeman, Montana. People who examined them say they are genuine sapphires.

A roll of currency containing $[illegible] fell from the rear pocket of Clarence Fisher of Victor while he was stooping over a fire in the store, and was destroyed before he could recover it.

Stewart Kyle, the sixteen-year-old son of United States Supreme Court Kyle of Nevada, was accidentally shot while out hunting with a companion near Reno. His injuries proving fatal.

Governor Brodie of Arizona, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior, renews the plea for statehood. The report places the total taxable property of the territory at $[illegible].

Washington French stabbed G. W. Johnson of Portland in the abdomen, inflicting a wound which may prove fatal. Both men are colored and became involved in a quarrel over a woman.

A cave-in at Helena's Barnes mine is the most serious in the history of Butte mines. Ten men had narrow escapes. Masses of rock still continue to fall. The weight of the ground proved too great for the timbers.

Dexter J. Smith, a barber of Butte, has received word from Ireland that he is one of nine heirs to a fortune of $[illegible]. The estate has been tied up in the courts for over forty-five years. Smith's share is $[illegible].

Richard Wright of Bridger, Montana, is suffering from a bullet wound in his shoulder. He went hunting and the rifle was accidentally discharged. The bullet was removed and the wound is not considered dangerous.

Paris E. Freeborn has filed suit at Cripple Creek against the Midland Terminal railway for $10,000 for the death of his wife last April, who was killed by being struck by one of the company's passenger trains.

William Jordan, a brakeman, had his head torn from his shoulders in a distressing accident at Virginia City, Mont. Jordan had gone below to assist in repairing some machinery, when he slipped and fell upon a rapid revolving long wheel. His head was smashed flat.

Corporal Pringle of company M, Twenty-fourth infantry, was instantly killed while at work on the timber reservation of the fort, near Missoula, Mont., dispatch. Pringle with others was engaged in hauling logs for the fort garrison. One of the logs slipped and fell on Pringle's head.

Martin McTague of the state penitentiary and Fred Morrow, a convict, were in Miles City, Mont., last week, and following Morrow's directions recovered $3,100 in money, which Morrow stolen May 30, 1905, from the Northern Pacific Express company, and succeeded near the Tongue river bridge.

William J. Bryan concluded his release of Colorado Wednesday with two speeches in Denver, the first being delivered at noon in Coliseum hall to an audience composed mainly of men, and the second being an address to women in the Broadway theatre in the afternoon, after which he left for Nebraska.

The coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. Nannie B. Baird, who died suddenly October 15, at Boulder, Colo., returned a verdict charging that her death was due to poison administered by her husband, Dr. Rudolph Baird, or by some one with his knowledge. Dr. Baird is one of the most prominent physicians of Boulder.

Stockmen in the vicinity of Fort Benton, Montana, have added at least a quarter of a million dollars to their profits this season as the result of the high prices received for cattle. The last eleven cattle shipped 1,100 head of cattle which usually brought $30 a head, but this year received $50, making an additional profit of $22,000.

Counterfeit $10 United States bank notes are in circulation in Butte. They are described as being printed on two sheet of paper with the silke threads in the middle. The spurious note belongs to the issues of 1901. The sheet letter is G, and plate No. 57.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 colonists have gone into the far western, northwestern and southwestern states during the months of September and October. The movement of home-seekers and settlers has never before been so great in the history of western railroads.

Martin Gallin, aged 70, and Crecy Dickey, aged 14, eloped from Granite, Colo., and were married. The parents of the girl had the couple arrested a few moments after the ceremony was performed, and Gallin is now in jail charged with kidnapping and perjury