

MITCHELL HAS CHANGED MIND

'Miners' Leader Confesses to
Civic Federation That Oper-
ators Are Not So Bad
As Painted.

ELIMINATE THE STRIKE

General Grant Strongly Advocates Re-
Installation of Army Canteen—
George W. Perkins Lauds
Mr. Mitchell.

New York, Dec. 16.—Peaceful relations between labor and capital was the theme to-night at the eighth annual banquet of the National Civic Federation, whose members, composed of widely known financiers, employers, labor leaders, publicists and other prominent citizens, gathered in conference here to-day to discuss remedies and legislation for various questions now affecting the body politic. Over 700 sat down to dinner. The session of the federation to-day was given over to the discussion of the currency question. Andrew Carnegie, James S. Speyer, Horace White and Postmaster General L. Von Meyer expressing their views. Andrew Carnegie declared that relief must come through asset currency, based on trade bills. The federation, without committing itself to any definite plan of reform, adopted a resolution that congress after careful consideration should pass as speedily as possible, consistent with security and safety, some measures which will impart to our currency system greater elasticity, so urgently demanded throughout the country. The federation will be in session here two days.

General Grant said that while he himself was a total abstainer, he regarded the canteen as the lesser of two evils and that until the civil authorities closed vicious resorts near military reservations he would be an advocate of the canteen in the army.

John Mitchell, the labor leader and one of the prominent members of the federation, was given a round of applause when he rose to speak. He said he considered it the highest duty of every man with the welfare of the country at heart to work toward a degree of peace and plenty. Mr. Mitchell said:

"So far as I have been able to control the affairs of my organization it has been toward the cause of peace. Happy would be the day if strikes, lockouts and attendant evils were no more. I am not sure that the time will come in our lives. But it is not better that we sit down and reason it out and see if reason cannot take the place of force."

"I do not know if the people of New York realized that two years ago they might have had to again undergo the terrible times of the coal strike of 1902, but that is true. That would have happened had not ten men got together and talked, operators and workers, men to men."

"I found the operators when I came to meet them, very different men than I had imagined from the newspapers from what they said at the White House. For I had believed that the representatives of capital were men without any sympathy, any regard for those whom they employed. That was before I met them. I have learned differently since."

George W. Perkins, before speaking of the profit sharing plans, paid a tribute to Mr. Mitchell, saying that a great deal of the progress made in the relations between capital and labor in the last five years had been due more to standards and work of Mr. Mitchell than to any other man. Mr. Perkins described the profit sharing system of a steel corporation.

President Eliot, of Harvard university, who said that he represented in executive committee neither capital nor labor, but the public which had to bear the cost of all industrial warfare, declared that the individual states did not, but the federal government did control the vast commercial associations which seek monopoly.

SOCIETY'S COMMITTEE

Center Church Ecclesiastical Society
Elected Its Last Night.

An annual meeting of the Center church ecclesiastical society was held to-night at Center church chapel, O. S. White presiding. The following were re-elected members of the society's committee for the ensuing year: W. Whitney, Henry L. Hotchkiss, J. H. Sheldon, Thomas Hooker, J. S. White, and the following were also members, being new members: Samuel Hemmingsway, James Blake, Henry H. Townsend. Three last named take the place of J. S. Hotchkiss, Arthur D. O'Connell and H. T. Trowbridge, who had to serve longer. No other extraneous business was transacted.

COMMITTEES TO-DAY

For Hale Will Announce Senate Distribution.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Hale, man of the committee on commerce of the majority of the senate, to-day that the membership of various committees of the senate will be announced to-morrow. The senate completed their assignments to-day.

VERDICT FOR MR. POLI

The superior court in Waterbury yesterday in the case of Thomas Burns v. S. Z. Poli, an action to recover for injuries received by falling from the gallery stairs of Poli's, a verdict in favor of the defendant was given.

PLATOON DISBANDED

Many Men Will Re-Enlist to Secure
Service Medals.

The second platoon of the machine gun battery passed out of existence as an organization last evening when pursuant to the orders from Hartford last week it was voted to disband. With the passing of the second platoon one of the oldest organizations in the Connecticut National Guard ceases to be, that is, as a military organization. It is expected, however, that the men who were members of the platoon at the time of its disbandment will form some sort of a social organization to keep up the friendships formed in the service.

A good many of the men in the platoon will join the infantry, if for no other reason than to obtain their service medals. At least two of the men have less than a year to serve to obtain twenty year medals, three have about the same time before fifteen years of continuous service will expire, while several men are nearing the ten year service mark.

"PAUPER" LEAVES \$40,000

Death of Man Living on Community
Reveals Big Sum on Deposit.

Essex, Dec. 16.—The death of Charles Chittenden from heart disease about a month ago reveals the fact that he left about \$40,000. He was supposed to have been in needy circumstances and others had received help. Mr. Chittenden's wife, who survives him, has been an invalid for many years and her husband took entire care of her. People sympathized with him, thinking that he was unable to leave her to earn much of anything, and often times gave him a substantial lift.

The family washwoman felt sorry for him and only charged the family half-price for her labor. Other people extended similar favors. It is not known that Mrs. Chittenden went without necessary comforts, but her husband underwent constant self-denial.

PACKAGES ASTRAY

Those Who Do Not Add Return
Addresses Will be the
Losers.

TROUBLES AT POSTOFFICE

Now Advertisements, But Later Will
Come Presents and Then
the Bills.

This will be a weary week for a great many clerks in New Haven. The thought of overworked clerks at Christmas time always suggests to most minds the people of the department stores. But that is simply because they are seen. Others who bear the brunt of the Christmas rush and the Christmas shopping none the less are the clerks at the postoffice, whose work is less spectacular but every whit as exacting and tedious. Not only are there the Christmas packages to attend to but there are also the boards of advertising matter sent out by nearly every store just before Christmas to attract prospective customers. Already 150,000 pieces of such matter have gone through the postoffice, and the trouble has not yet begun.

December is the time of year when freak things happen at the postoffice. Perhaps in no way is the thoughtlessness of those who use the mails to send their Christmas packages shown better than in the number of people who fail to write their own addresses on their packages as well as the addresses of those to whom they are sending them. Already there is a high pile of such packages at the postoffice which cannot be returned to their senders simply because the latter did not put on their own addresses.

Another illustration of the ignorance of the postoffice regulations that the public displays was shown at the local office yesterday when a full grown lemon was rescued from the mail. The lemon had been tagged with an address. Of course it comes under the head of things that are not to be accepted or to be delivered, and hence it could not be delivered. But it makes more work for the postoffice men.

After Christmas there will come a rush of calendars for the new year, and after the first of January will come the bills demanding payment for all that has preceded.

FOR GAS METER ROBBERY

Three More Lads Arrested by Grand
Avenue Police.

Three more boys were arrested last evening by police of the Grand avenue station on the charge of robbing gas meters. Officer Walsh captured a lad by the name of Ernest Slack who lives at 307 Grand avenue, and he is held under the charge of demanding the gas company. He is accused of entering the Carleton club, a house at Grand avenue and Blatchley avenue and two others on State street near Willow, in all about \$5 was collected.

Thomas R. Mooney, of 484 Blatchley avenue, and Michael Mancino, of 25 Castle street, are arrested and held on the same charge. They were arrested and held by Patrolmen Kelly and Doonan. Mooney was arrested before and ordered sent to the reform school. An appeal from the order is now pending in the common pleas court.

SUPREME COURT RESTS.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Chief Justice Fuller to-day announced that on next Monday the United States supreme court would take a recess of two weeks for the Christmas holidays.

SIXTY DEAD IN FRESH DISASTER

Explosion in Alabama Coal Mine
Entombs Ninety Men, Only
Fourteen of Whom
Escape.

BODIES OF 35 RECOVERED

Air from Mouth of Mine So Hot That
No Rescue Work Could be At-
tempted for Hours After
the Explosion.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Between sixty and seventy-six men are buried in No. 1 mine of the Yolande Coal and Coke company at Yolande, six-and-a-half miles from Birmingham, in Tuscaloosa county, by an explosion to-day. Ninety men were checked in for work. Within an hour after the explosion fourteen men had crawled out of the mine, all burned. Reports from the scene vary as to the number of men in the mine and whether they will be found dead. Two dead bodies had been recovered before 1 o'clock.

While officials of the company were hoping for the best, the rescue party was forcing its way into the mine. Women and children and men stood despairingly outside the mine. It is feared that few of those still entombed will escape death. Little houses just outside the mine were destroyed by the immense amount of dust and timber blown out of the mine. A relief train went to the scene this afternoon.

Mine inspectors are en route to the scene. At the local office of the Yolande company the statement is made that few will be found dead, the first work of the rescue party giving encouragement.

At 2 o'clock forty coffins were being prepared to be sent to Yolande. The rescue party was rapidly getting out dead and injured men. The number of coffins ordered is taken to indicate the number of dead.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Advices to-night from Yolande indicate that about sixty men met death in an explosion in the mines at that place early to-day. The work of recovery is slow and while hundreds of miners from adjacent mining camps are present to assist, it is thought that all of the dead cannot be taken out before to-morrow. Only twelve bodies had been recovered up to dark. Fewer than 100 men were in the mine. The cause of the explosion has not been officially determined. The mine has been pronounced free from gas by state inspectors, and it is supposed that the explosion was caused by dust. For two hours after the explosion it was impossible to venture even near the mouth of the mine, so hot was the air that rushed out.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—A message from Yolande at midnight says thirty-five bodies have been taken from the mines and that the rescuers believe between thirty-five and forty are still in the lower entrance.

HAS SON AT YALE

Death of Theophilus Hyde, Jr., of
Waterbury, After Operation.

Waterbury, Dec. 16.—Theophilus R. Hyde, Jr., assistant secretary of the Scovill Manufacturing company and for several years president of the Young Men's Christian association, died on Saturday in Rochester, Minn., where he went nine weeks ago to undergo an operation for stomach trouble. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Jennie Burton Burdett of Brooklyn, N. Y., and whom he married on March 11, 1880, and four children, 3 sons, a salesman for the Scovill Manufacturing company; Burdett, a student at Yale, Elsie, a student at St. Margaret's school; and Hazel, another son died last spring at the age of 12. Mr. Hyde's father died a little over a year ago.

WILL IMPORT PHYSICIANS

Waterbury Foresters Take This Action
to Get Fraternal Rate.

Waterbury, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of seventy delegates from the twenty courts of Foresters of America in this city to-night, action on the Waterbury medical association vote to increase the rates to the fraternal societies of the city. It was voted to import four physicians here from other cities in the state, and give them the contract of attending to the medical needs of the 2,700 Foresters in this city at the yearly rate of \$1.50 per capita. It is expected that various organizations will take similar action.

TROLLEY JUMPS TRACK

Five Seriously Injured in Staten Island
Accident.

New York, Dec. 16.—Five persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a trolley car accident near Concord, Staten Island, to-day. Car No. 23, of the Richmond Light & Power company, jumped the track on a sharp curve between Concord and Garrettsville, and crashed into two telegraph poles. William Durkin, of Stapleton, was dangerously injured and taken in an unconscious condition to a hospital, where his recovery is pronounced doubtful. Four others received broken bones and minor hurts. The motorman escaped by jumping from his cab, which was demolished.

POLICE BOARD TO-NIGHT.

The board of police commissioners will hold their regular bi-monthly meeting this evening. There is no business of especial importance to come before the board so far as is forecasted.

GENERAL.

Sixty Dead in Fresh Disaster.
Fleet Sails for Pacific.
\$2,500,000 More Gold Coming.
Death of Queen Carola.
Eccentric Millionaire Dead.
Tillman Speaks Up for Roosevelt.
American Dreadnought to be Built.
Saloon Men Becoming Frightened.
Mitchell Has Changed His Mind.

FORESTERS WILL IMPORT PHYSICIANS.
Wrecks Along the Sound.
Horse Thief Captured in Williamsville.
Juror Called for Contempt of Court.
Pauper Leaves \$40,000.

MAJOR WEED PRESIDENT UNION LEAGUE.
No Eligible List for Captains Yet.
Dwight Place Society Elects.
Man Stricken on State Street.
Coe to Inquire Bennett Fountain Use.
Cheshire Academy Trustees to Meet.
Machine Gun Battery Disbanded.
Dr. Hart Scores Country Schools.
Prof. Phelps to Speak on Whittier.
Sleigh Struck by Trolley Car.
Troubles at the Postoffice.
Clever Imposter Coming Here.
Held for Robbing Gas Meters.
Caught Coming Out of Cellarway.

SPORTS.

Hermann There With the Wad.
New Britain Poloists To-night.
Yale Defeats Trinity.
Outlaw Baseball League.
Favorites Win at New Orleans.
Hart Still Leads Polo League.
Union B. B. League Formed.
Leaders Lose to Hartford.
Bridgeport and Waterbury Win.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEET.
Blanche Walsh at the Hyperion.
Big Vaudeville Hit at Poli's.
"Turned Up" at the Egan.
"The Scout's Revenge" at New Haven.

NO ELIGIBLES YET

Sergeants Only Took Physical
Tests Last Night, Delay-
ing the Report.

NEXT MEETING ON FRIDAY

Civil Service Board Will Not Make
Up the Complete List Until
That Evening.

The date for the announcement of the successful candidates for the civil service certificates of eligibility as police captains has again been advanced, and now it is Friday evening that is set as the time for the complete return from the examinations taken about a month ago. The reason the civil service board was unable to make up the list last night is that the physical examinations, which must be included before the candidates are eligible to appointment, had not been taken by some of the candidates. The board held a very short session last night, found out that nothing could be done, as the returns of the doctor had not and could not arrive, and decided that Friday night would be soon enough to try it again.

Several of the candidates took their physical examination last night, having made their appointments with Dr. Seaver for that time. It is stated that the physical test was a very thorough one, although it had been thought by some that it would not be very severe. A few recertifications that had been asked for were made for persons who had taken examinations for general clerkships and whose year had run out.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES

Those of Cheshire Military School to
Meet in This City.

The trustees of the Episcopal academy of Connecticut will meet for a special meeting at Judge Robertson's office, room 218 Exchange building, 865 Chapel street, New Haven, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The trustees will meet to approve the leases and mortgages of the Cheshire school. One of these leases is dated July 8 and another July 13, 1903. There is a mortgage dated July 13, 1903, which was given to the Cheshire school to secure the payment of certain bonds and notes of the trustees amounting to \$100,000 and bearing the date July 1, 1903, being fully described in the mortgage deed. There are certain bonds dated July 1, 1903, and amounting to \$100,000 and another mortgage dated May 4, 1905, and given to the Cheshire schools.

One indenture of lease is dated May 4, 1905, in which the Cheshire school is lessee. Another mortgage is dated July 2, 1905, and other bonds are dated July 2, 1905, amounting in the whole to the sum of \$150,000, payable to the Cheshire school. There is a mortgage deed to the school dated November 16, 1907; an indenture of a lease dated November 16, 1907, in which the Cheshire school is lessee. The trustees will approve certain repairs, alterations and improvements to the buildings and property, and the erecting of buildings besides authorizing the treasurer to make changes in the investment of the funds and electing Rev. John B. Skilton, the principal of the Episcopal academy of Connecticut for a term co-extensive with his term of office as head master of the Cheshire school.

O'Rourke Calls Meeting.

Bridgeport, Dec. 16.—Secretary James H. O'Rourke issued to-night a call for a special meeting of the Connecticut baseball league, to be held at the Hotel Garde, New Haven, Friday evening, December 20, to decide upon dates for opening and closing the playing season next year.

NARROWLY ESCAPES WRECK

West Shore Passenger Express Loco-
motive Is Derailed by Boulder.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Chicago and St. Louis express, west-bound, on the West Shore railroad, narrowly escaped being wrecked and thrown into the Hudson river to-night. A mile north of Highland, opposite here, the engineer discovered a boulder weighing nearly 1,500 pounds on the tracks. He put on his airbrakes, but the locomotive ran into the rock. The speed of the train had been greatly slackened, but the pilot of the locomotive was wrecked, and the pony trucks derailed. The train was delayed two hours while another engine was sent down from Kingston to draw the express to Albany. No one was injured.

APPOINTMENTS VOID

Priests Transferred by Vicar-General
Must Return to Charges.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 16.—The appointments made by Rt. Rev. Hugh J. Smyth, vicar general of the Fall River diocese, while he was serving as administrator after the death of Bishop Stang, have been declared illegal by Bishop Feehan. The priests involved will return to their former charges on Thursday.

MR. HARRIMAN IMPROVED.

New York, Dec. 16.—It was said to-night at the home of E. H. Harriman that the condition of Mr. Harriman, who is suffering from an attack of the grip, was very much improved, and that he would be able to go to his office in a few days.

TWO BILLIONS OF EXPORTS IN YEAR

Report of New York Chamber
of Commerce Shows Extent
of America's Foreign
Trade.

MARKED INCREASE SHOWN

Goods Exported \$350,000,000 in Ex-
cess of Imports—Interchange
of Gold and Silver
Equalizes.

New York, Dec. 16.—The chamber of commerce issued to-day a forecast of its annual report, containing a recapitulation of the merchandise imported and exported through the port of New York during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, as compared with the aggregate of all other ports of the United States for the same period. The total value of foreign imports through the port of New York was \$914,918,529, of which \$61,221,877 was in gold and silver coin and bullion. The total imports for all the other ports of the country were \$674,959,759, of which gold and silver coin and bullion constituted \$96,235,396. For the entire country, the port of New York included, the imports were \$1,591,878,288, of which gold and silver coin and bullion made up \$157,458,273.

During the same period the exports from the port of New York were \$678,730,881, of which amount gold and silver coin and bullion made \$52,499,437. All other ports of the country during that period exported \$1,287,261,503, \$23,814,443 of which was in gold and silver coin and bullion, making a total of gold and silver exports for all ports, New York included, \$23,274,630, and a grand total of goods of all kinds exported from all ports of \$1,945,992,664. These figures show an increase of foreign commerce over the previous year of \$152,298,028 at New York and \$585,395,735 at all ports of the United States.

LOYAL COUNCIL ELECTS

William R. Carroll Chosen for Grand
Knight of K. of C. Lodge.

At a meeting of Loyal council, No. 30, Knights of Columbus, last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Grand Knight—William R. Carroll. Deputy Grand Knights—Robert L. McLaughlin. Chancellor—William J. McKenna. Advocate—James Hart. Lecturer—Michael F. Campbell. Warden—James Fitzgerald. Chaplain—Rev. D. J. O'Connor. Recorder—William T. Gibbons. Financial Secretary—James E. McLaughlin. Inside Guard—Daniel J. Carroll. Outside Guard—Michael F. Brown. Trustee for Three Years—Philip Hussey, Sr. Delegates to New Haven Chapter—John G. McGowan and James Hart.

TOOK IN SEVERAL

Mulatto Fraudulently Soliciting Funds
for Mt. Meigs School.

Waterbury people have been approached within the past few days by a young mulatto, about twenty years old, who purported to be from Mt. Meigs school for the colored people, in Alabama, and while in the Brass City he received several contributions for the school work.

He gave his name as Charles McQuaid and had with him a paper authorizing him to collect money for the school. The paper has been since found to be a forgery, and notices from the principal of the school say that no agents are employed.

Other inquiries disclose the fact that McQuaid spent some years in the reform school. He has a grandmother living in New Haven and is believed to be coming here.

BACK ON DUTY AGAIN

Sergeant Scranton Once More Patrols
West Haven Shore.

Sergeant Walter Scranton of the West Haven borough police went back on duty last night. Some weeks ago he was laid off because of an injury brought by David Platt restraining the borough from making provision for him. In the meantime a great section of West Haven was left without protection.

The sergeant lost no time in finding something to do after going back on duty. Shortly before midnight last night he found a horse and carriage on Grove street. The horse had evidently run away as the carriage was wrecked. The animal is now at O'Connell's stable.

BOY CAUSES COLLISION

Ten-Year-Old Switches Passenger
Train Into Switch Engine.

Woonsocket, Dec. 16.—A ten-year-old boy is believed to have been responsible for a collision between a passenger train and a shunting engine on the Woonsocket-Franklin-Boston line of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad here to-day. A misplaced switch at the Prospect street crossing sent a Boston bound passenger train onto a siding and it crashed into a switching engine. No one was injured and comparatively little damage was done. A ten-year-old boy was seen tampering with the switch just before the accident.

SMITH G. WEED

THE PRESIDENT

Chosen Head of Union League
by Unanimous Vote at the
Club's Annual
Meeting.

OTHER POSITIONS FILLED

Three Men Reported as Seeking
Clarence Thompson's Place
Omitted in the Se-
lection.

Though three candidates were reported to be making a lively campaign for the presidency of the Union League club, which held its election of officers last evening, there was not even a second name placed in nomination when the call came to name candidates for the ballot. Major Smith G. Weed, the recently resigned head of the Foot Guard, was placed before the meeting last evening and the three candidates whose friends have been pushing them to fill the place withheld themselves entirely, allowing a unanimous selection of Major Weed. He succeeds Clarence E. Thompson who has been at the head of the club for the past three years.

Considerable interest in the election had centered in the fact that Dr. Stetson, Frank H. Curtis and Frank A. Corbin were each striving for the honor. In order to make the choice unanimous and avoid a possible deadlock and several ballots for the office, a fourth candidate was introduced and the election went to him as a unanimous choice.

The other officers elected are: Vice-Presidents—George E. Hodgson and O. M. Shepard. Trustees—General E. S. Greeley, Samuel Lloyd and Leslie Moulthrop. Auditors—William P. Tuttle and George W. Lewis. Board of Governors—George C. Ross, Dr. F. W. Brown, F. S. Cornwell, Leslie P. Smith and Dr. W. P. Bradley. Secretary—Ward Bailey. Treasurer—C. C. Barlow.

TAKEN WITH FAINTNESS

Man Named Baehr Thought Seriously
Hurt at First.

Overcome with an attack of faintness in State street, between Bradley and Osborn, about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a middle-aged man said to be the brother of Edward Baehr, a barber of 453 State street, and living with him at 24 Orchard street, was carried unconscious into the barber shop of Frederick Vegliante, at 731 State street. A doctor was at once summoned and while he was on his way some bystander sent in a telephone call for the police ambulance, which arrived shortly after the doctor had examined the man. He found that the case was not serious, so the ambulance was ordered back. After being revived Baehr went home in a trolley car without leaving his full name.

BETTER USE FOR MONEY

Reason United Church Did Not Go
Into Chapman Revival.

The reason that the United church did not go into the Chapman revival with the other Congregational churches of the city, according to the statement of a member last night, was that the members of the church up almost thought that the money which would be used in the revival services and which would go to Dr. Chapman and his friends could be better used in home missionary work, a work which has had to be curtailed of late because of lack of finances.

DENIES SUICIDE

Louis Lombard, Musician, Says That
He Was Never Livelier.

New York, Dec. 16.—Louis Lombard, the American musician who was reported by special cable dispatches from Geneva, Switzerland, where several years ago he built the Chateau di Trevano, has sent the following denial from that place to the Associated Press: "The reports of my losses and suicide are monumental lies. I never was richer or livelier than I am to-day."

MRS. ELLA LANCASTER DEAD.

Many will learn with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Ella Lancaster, wife of George E. Lancaster, the firm of Lancaster Bros., the well known orange growers of Fair Haven. She died last evening at about 11 o'clock at her home on Fairmont avenue. She was much esteemed by all who knew her. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Samuel H. Kirby, Mrs. Benedict and Mrs. Sperry. She was a native of Fair Haven, and had resided there all her life. Her father was Sereeno Armstrong. She had been ailing for several years and during the last few weeks had faltered rapidly. Her age was fifty.

WEATHER RECORD.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Forecast: New England: Cloudy Tuesday; Wednesday, fair; fresh east winds. Eastern New York: Fair Tuesday, except snow in north portion; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, diminishing west winds.