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TO BREAK DOWN THE UNION

Aim of Operators in the Coal Inquiry

John Mitchell Again on the Stand Today

Lot of Inconsequential Testimony Thrashed Over

Seranton, Nov. 19.—John Mitchell was again on the stand this morning before the strike commission, and was cross-examined by Walter Ross, counsel for the Delaware & Eastern. Before Ross commenced the examination Commissioner Gray suggested that, as Mitchell was only prepared to give opinions, and not figures, he be not asked questions already gone over. Ross followed the tenor of McVeagh by attempting to fix the violence of the miners' union, and then took up the bituminous sections. Mitchell answered each question decisively, but never confused.

Gray finally interrupted and said all that line of testimony had already been gone over. Ross then closed by declaring 75 per cent of the engineers and pumpmen of his company had refused to leave their work until practically terrorized.

Samuel Wolverson, counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading, next took Mitchell in hand. He said he wanted to ascertain, in view of the differences between the bituminous and anthracite interests, if it would not be better to make two separate organizations of the United Mine Workers. Mitchell denied this on the ground that it would tend to disintegration of labor unions.

Attorney Torrey, for the Delaware & Hudson, confined his examination to certain features constituting district No. 1, where his company's interests are largely located.

Mother Jones was an interested spectator in the proceedings today. She took a seat with the miners' counsel. Attorney Burns, counsel for the independent operators, brought out a new point. He said that since the conclusion of the strike the men who went out want their places back, and that when a man leaves a place voluntarily his relation to his employer is supposed to cease. "Do we understand that our companies should discharge its non-union men and take your men back?" Mitchell replied that no law compels one to put a man back in his old position if occupied, but in the case of a strike a man doesn't consider that he has given up the job when he goes out. The job morally belongs to him. The men taking such places should, and do, usually, understand that their tenure is dependent entirely

upon the outcome of the strike. Burns closed by asking the commission that, in case it decided on trade agreement, that the independent operators should be allowed to make a showing of their individual condition. They will attempt to bring up the question of violence. Gray refused to listen, and said the commission had a moral sense of its own regarding the question. Mitchell interposed and said that he wanted it understood that the miners' union had pledged itself to accept the award of the commission, and whatever it might determine regarding the employment of non-unionists it would be carried out to the letter, hence the question of violence need not enter into the discussion. After several general questions, pertaining to restrictions of child labor, Mitchell was excused. He looks haggard and worn, but undoubtedly made a favorable impression on all present. Rev. Roberts, a Mahoney City clergyman, was the second witness. He was still on the stand when a recess was taken.

FELL THIRTY FEET

Struck a Rail and Missed Pile of Rocks

Albany, Nov. 19.—(Special)—Mr. Tillotson, an employe of the C. & E., was at work with the pile driver at a bridge over the Santiam near Thomas, when the ratchet of the driver slipped and threw Mr. Tillotson off the bridge, and he fell head first to the ground 30 feet below, striking a rail on the way, and just missing a pile of rocks, hitting on his head in the soft ground. He was injured very little, and was out today, after an experience that would kill most men.

DYING FROM DROPSY

London Preacher Who Succeeded Thos. Spurgeon

London, Nov. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that Dr. Joseph Parker, the world-famous pastor of the City Temple, is near unto death from dropsy.

ARMOUR WHEAT CORNER

For December May Still Become Successful

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Armour today bought 3,000,000 bushels more of wheat, increasing his holdings to a total of 8,000,000 bushels of December wheat alone.

RAILROADS ADVANCE WAGES

The Jersey Central and Rio Grande Fall Into Line

New York, Nov. 19.—The Jersey Central today increased the wages of its employes 10 per cent, meeting the advances of other roads.

Salt Lake, Nov. 19.—The switchmen on the Rio Grande & Western have been granted a raise of four cents per hour to take effect next Saturday. This equivalent to a 20 per cent advance.

FIRE AT NORTH YAMHILL.

Causes Loss of Twenty-Thousand Dollars

North Yamhill suffered a \$20,000 fire Tuesday night. Two stores, a hotel, saloon and barber shop were burned.

PRESIDENT ELIOT A SNOB

The Popular Professor Reaps the Whirlwind

In the Discussions of the Federation of Labor

President Gompers Insists on Full Investigations

New Orleans, Nov. 19.—The early morning session of the Federation of Labor was devoid of resolutions. A resolution referring to President Eliot, of Harvard, was added to by a clause, wherein President Eliot's action, in commending scabs, is deemed unheroic and despicable. Delegate Driscoll devoted 15 minutes to scathing criticism and censure of the popular educator. He declared that Eliot showed snobbery in his speech, when the professor said that no laboring man should be placed on the public school board.

The committeemen appointed to investigate Shaffer's charges against Gompers reported inability to secure the fifth man. Gompers took the floor, and demanded an immediate investigation. He gave notice that unless the committee was formed by Wednesday he would ask a discharge and investigation by the convention. Shaffer excitedly spoke, and said he was willing to have such action at once. A delegate made a motion to discharge the committee, but Acting Chairman Lannon declared the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

New Orleans, Nov. 19.—Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, arrived shortly after noon. A large special delegation met and welcomed him. He was introduced to the convention this afternoon as an example of what the labor vote in the United States can accomplish. The convention gave vent to uproarious applause.

NOTHING BUT THE HOLE

After a Case of Dynamite Had Exploded

Seattle, Nov. 19.—(Special)—Robert Stinson, an employe in the Treadwell mine, at Juneau, on November 10th, lost his life by an explosion of dynamite. He was carrying a case of the explosive on his shoulder, and dropped it, on his way from the powder house.

Nothing could be found after the big explosion but the hole.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Martha Loren Matteson died at her home in Turner November 17th. She was the daughter of the late C. C. Cooley, of Woodburn, and came to Oregon in 1845.

Frank Bradford, of La Grande, was accidentally shot and killed while out hunting November 17th. The accident was caused by the explosion of a gun in the hands of Bradford's companion, a lad of 17, inflicting a fearful wound in the abdomen, which caused immediate death.

GREAT ISSUE INVOLVED

Shall Government Control Private Corporations

Portland, Nov. 19.—The Oregon Irrigation Convention met this morning. There are 400 delegates present. Feeling is running high as to whether the schemes of the government or the private method are to be employed.

BEER FOR TOMMY ATKINS

British Government Negotiates for Canteen Supplies

Manchester, Eng., Nov. 19.—A dispatch today says the war office is negotiating with a large brewery to supply the British army with canteens.

NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES.

Lewis Gerstle, of San Francisco, is dead of apoplexy. He was the president of the Alaska Commercial Company.

John Silcott, aged 78 years, died Tuesday, of dropsy. The deceased was a Mason, and came to Walla Walla in the early '60s. He left no immediate relatives.

Fire threatened for an hour the complete destruction of East Helena, Mont., Tuesday. A fierce gale was blowing, and, to protect the residences and business buildings, blankets were made use of to prevent ignition by flying firebrands. With the assistance of a steamer from Helena, the fire was gotten under control, after four buildings had been destroyed. Loss, \$10,000.

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WOMAN ANARCHIST IN HIDING

Fears Vengeance for Exposing Plot

New York, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Lena Dexheimer, the woman who confessed to the anarchist plots, disappeared from her home this morning. The neighbors said she feared the anarchists' vengeance, and had decided to seclude herself. Secret service officers are investigating, and say they have not been able to get any corroborative details of any attempt on the President's life, as exposed by the woman.

ROYAL INFANT DISAPPOINTS

Queen of Italy Gave Birth to a Daughter

Rome, Nov. 19.—The festivities planned, in anticipation of an expected heir to the Italian throne, received a sudden check when it was announced that Queen Helen had given birth to a daughter. There is universal disappointment because the child is not a boy. When the child was born the bells of the castle rang, also a full salute of cannon from the Castle of St. Angelo.

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