

HARD COAL MINERS INTEND TO STRIKE

President Mitchell Gives Up Hope of Conciliation and Outlook Is Bad.

CONVENTION AT SCRANTON

THERE WERE MANY STRIKE SPEECHES YESTERDAY AND BREAK WILL COME TODAY OR SATURDAY.

[Publishers' Press] Scranton, Pa., May 3.—The anthracite convention now in session will declare a strike either tomorrow or Saturday. This is the only information that can be drawn from an official statement issued tonight by John Mitchell, president of the Miners' Union. The statement was made public after a stormy session today, but these were put through with a rush. Before a motion to go into executive session could be made by any of the minor parliamentarians two delegates got the floor and made strike speeches, the last of the two making a motion that a strike order be substituted for the suspension order. It was at this juncture that a motion to go into executive session was made, and the reporters left the hall. No secret was made that nothing but strike speeches followed, though no vote was taken.

Take Cue From Mitchell. After the convention had organized at the morning session an adjournment was taken until this afternoon, when Mr. Mitchell, after stating in brief what propositions and counter-propositions had passed between the operators and miners, said significantly to the convention: "Your committee has gone as far as it thought advisable to go, and we believe further than you instructed us to go, in order to avoid suspension of work, and to make contract for the government of your affairs for the coming year. I am sure I voice the sentiment of every member of the committee, the members of which have worked in entire harmony during these months."

The delegates were quick to take the cue from the chairman's remarks and in their speeches on the convention floor said that the situation warranted a strike. The second delegate recognized said he was weary of the endless discussion that has taken place in the last three months and he moved that the convention substitute a strike order for the suspension order. The convention went into executive session and the motion was withdrawn to permit a vote discussion of the situation. Delegates tonight after hearing the statement of John Mitchell say that it means a strike.

MUST FACE PROSECUTION

John R. Walsh Held for Federal Grand Jury Charged With Misappropriating Funds.

[Publishers' Press] Chicago, May 3.—John R. Walsh, former president of the defunct Chicago National Bank, was today held to the federal grand jury, in bonds of \$50,000, by United States Commissioner Mark Foote. When Mr. Walsh appeared before the commissioners, Assistant United States District Attorney Childs said that the government was ready for the hearing. Attorney Ritscher, for Mr. Walsh, said that, inasmuch as the federal officers had not yet concluded their investigation of the statement of facts submitted some time ago by Mr. Walsh, and inasmuch as the federal grand jury will go into session May 15, he believed it best for the interests of his clients that he waive examination.

CUT BY BARBED WIRE

Small Son of Dempsey Dennis Painfully Injured While Playing With Some Companions.

While playing with his companions on North 19th street, Emerson Pierson the eleven year old son of Dempsey Pierson of North Seventeenth street ran into a barbed wire fence, cutting a gash in his neck about an inch long. It was a very narrow escape for the boy as one barb almost entered the wind pipe.

CLARK OWES \$100,000

GRAFT IN TERRE HAUTE

Ex County Treasurer of Vigo County Used Funds for His Own Interests—County Commissioners Will Order an Investigation.

[Publishers' Press] Terre Haute, Ind., May 3.—The citizens' committee of five which supervised the examination of county records by an auditing company, met this afternoon to adopt its recommendations to the County Commissioners, based on the report of the auditing company.

Chairman Rankin says the report shows that ex-County Treasurer William Clark owed the county \$78,677.97 when he went out of office December 31. Mr. Rankin says the shortage still exists, and that what Clark has paid in since he went out of office was on the city's account, the county treasurer also acting as city treasurer.

It is the chairman's impression that the total shortage for the city and county will amount to more than \$100,000. The city has made a contract with the same auditing company to get at the facts.

There is also a shortage or a mistake in the school fund account of \$28,000. It is not known when the discrepancy began or if any part of it was in Clark's terms of office. Probably the commissioners will cause an investigation to be made. The county has more than \$200,000 school funds loaned, and on much of it the interest has not been collected for years. In some instances the interest charge exceeds the principal.

WILL RECOMMEND DIVORCE FOR DUKE

Vice Chancellor Pitney Makes Decision Favorable to Tobacco Manufacturer.

MRS. DUKE WILL APPEAL

CAPT. HUNTOON THE CORESPONDENT IN THE CASE MUST PAY FOR DUKE'S ATTORNEY—EVIDENCE "OVERWHELMING."

[Publishers' Press] Newark, N. J., May 3.—James B. Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, won his first round in his suit for divorce against his wife this afternoon when the Vice-Chancellor Pitney, at the conclusion of the evidence for the defendant, announced that he considered the allegations of the plaintiff charging Mrs. Duke with improper relations with Captain Frank T. Huntoon, of the Old Guard of New York, proven and stated that he would recommend that the divorce decree be granted.

Testimony in the case has been taken for two weeks and this afternoon after a number of witnesses had testified as to the location of the Duke home in New York and attempted to refute the evidence of the witnesses that had testified against Mrs. Duke, counsel for both sides decided to submit the case without argument.

An Admission of Guilt.

The court immediately announced its decision, the Vice-Chancellor holding that the evidence was "overwhelmingly in proof of the charges made by the complaint." He stated that in his opinion the failure of either Mrs. Duke or Mr. Huntoon to appear in court and testify was purely an admission of guilt.

It is announced that the case will be appealed and it is understood that counsel for the defendant will cite the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States regarding non-residence, and will allege that neither of the parties to the suit were legally residents of New Jersey.

Huntoon Must Pay.

After the court had concluded Mr. Lindbury said that inasmuch as Mr. Huntoon was a party defendant, he should be held for the cost of the court as well as counsel fees, whereupon the Vice-Chancellor said that he had consulted the chancellor in the matter and signed an order to that effect. He allowed Mr. Duke's counsel \$3,000, which must be paid by Huntoon.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

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Indiana—Fair and colder Friday; Saturday, fair; brisk northwest winds. Ohio—Fair Friday, except showers along the lakes; brisk to high southwest shifting to northwest winds; Saturday, fair and cooler.

DEDICATION OF NEW HOSE HOUSE

South Siders Entertain People of City and Formally Present New Building.

SEVERAL HUNDRED ATTEND

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY MAKES FAST RUN FOR ORG/D AND ENDS UP CRASHING INTO HORSE AND BUGGY.

Hundreds of people visited the new South Side Hose House at its dedication last evening and attended one of the most successful public gatherings of its kind that has ever been held in this city. From early in the evening when Judge Luther Abbott and Adolph Blickwedel made a few remarks to the large crowd, until midnight, the lower rooms and the dance hall were thronged with people and the many attractions presented drew big sums of money.

The members of the South Side Improvement Association have been busy preparing for the event for several weeks, and its success more than equalled their best hopes. People from all over the city, representative business men and others, visited the new Hose House and found the building to be perfect in its appointments. It is undoubtedly the most conveniently arranged Hose House in the city and it has all modern appliances. The front part was used last evening as a place for the speakers' stand and for the crowd to gather. In the rear of the building, there were rival stands, where a wheel of fortune was operated and small prizes awarded. There was also a country store, worked on a similar plan. There was also a stand with refreshments in this part of the building.

Successful Dance.

Upstairs, a part of the floor had been converted into a dance hall and many couples enjoyed this form of amusement to the music of an excellent orchestra, composed of Richmond men. The dance was informal and very successful.

In the hose house, there is room for two wagons and four horses, so that another complete equipment can be added later without inconvenience. The new wagon is expected to arrive on May 20 and the Hose House will probably be in operation within ten days of that time.

Box 23, at Eighth and E streets, was rung in last evening at about 10:30 and the complete fire department responded. An accident to a rig hitched at the curb on South E street marred the effectiveness of the fast "run" as the crowd gathered to see what had happened to the buggy. The Hook and ladder wagon was going at such a rate of speed that it could not be brought to a stop and in order to keep from running it into the crowd, the driver allowed his team to crash into a buggy belonging to Charles Reddinghaus. The wheels on the right side of the buggy were smashed, but otherwise the rig was not damaged. The horse was uninjured.

TREATED "SCANDALOUSLY"

Mrs. Josephine Kendall Testified That Thomas Wiggs Mistreated Her at Fountain City.

For the first time this month, the petit jury of the April term convened yesterday to hear the assault and battery case of State vs. Thomas Wiggs, a resident of Fountain City. The prosecuting witness was Mrs. Josephine Kendall who testified that Wiggs "mistreated her scandalously" when she went to tell him to vacate a house belonging to her and which she had rented to Wiggs for a short time.

Wiggs was defended by Attorney Robert L. Study. The prosecuting witness alleged that he struck her, knocked her down and struck her repeatedly while she was in that position. She claims she is still suffering from the injuries which she sustained in her encounter with Wiggs. The jury took the case at a few minutes before four o'clock and as no verdict was ready before seven o'clock last night, none will be received until this morning.

Sousa Objects to Bill.

[Publishers' Press] Washington May 3.—Opponents of the Bennett bill, allowing the circulation of copyrighted music for a rental price, were heard by the House Committee on patents today. A telegram was read from John P. Sousa, the bandmaster, protesting against the passage of the bill as operating to withdraw the protection of the law from the product of the American brain.

Watson Did Not Vote.

[Publishers' Press] Washington, D. C. May 3.—On the final vote on the free seed question Representative Brick was the only Indiana member who voted to discontinue the appropriation for seeds. The following members of the delegation were recorded as not voting: Foster, Holliday, Overstreet, Watson, Cromer, and Zenor. The last three were out of the city.



Uncle Sam—I hope the Pan-American Congress will help do the business, both in business and in good will. News Item—It is expected that the Pan-American Congress to be held at Rio Janeiro this summer will prove very beneficial to all concerned.

HARRY HARRIS IS NOW IN RICHMOND

Looks Anything but the Desperate Criminal That He Has Been Pictured.

HIS MISSION UNKNOWN

CAME HERE FROM HAGERSTOWN AND WENT IMMEDIATELY TO SEE MRS. LOCKE IN WEST RICHMOND.

Harry Harris, cousin and partner of the notorious John Locke, and who was released from custody at Mattoon, Ill., a few days ago because he turned state's evidence and gave out much valuable information in regard to the robbing of freight cars on the Big Four Railway, is in Richmond, and aside from the fact that he arrived last evening and went at once to see Mrs. Locke, who is staying with her father on Chestnut street, nothing is known about why he is here or what his intentions are.

Harris was seen last night and refused point blank to discuss himself or Locke. "I am not talking," was all he would say, and to each question he would laugh and shake his head, but would make no statement. He would not tell where he came from, or when he came; how he happened to be free or why he wanted to see Mrs. Locke. All questions concerning the Locke case were fruitless and were turned aside with such counter questions as "What is the population of Richmond?" or "Are there many factories here?"

AT HAGERSTOWN YESTERDAY.

Supt. Bailey, of the police force, received word yesterday morning from Hagerstown, that Harris was in that town and the marshal there wanted to know what to do with him, not knowing that he had been released. Bailey informed the authorities that Harris was his own master and could go wherever he pleased. Last evening at six o'clock, Bailey met Harris on the Doran bridge. He exchanged a few words with the man whom he had accompanied across the continent less than a month ago and made arrangements to have a talk with him in the evening. At nine o'clock Harris went to the City Building and talked with Sheriff Smith and Supt. Bailey for nearly an hour.

Harris looks none of the criminal but has instead, a rather boyish, innocent appearance. He is about twenty-five years of age, medium height, and has a light complexion. On the road from San Francisco to Chicago, Harris made life miserable for Locke by always trying to let people know that they were under arrest, and in the dining car, he would manage to make the handcuff chain rattle so that other passengers would look up and see the two men chained together. Harris would then laugh and Locke would bow his head so that people could not see his face.

Lorenzo Clark Dead.

Lorenzo Clark well known in this city died suddenly at Detroit, Michigan last night. The cause of his death was not learned.

PEOPLE BECOMING WISER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LAWS

More Take Advantage of the Mortgage Exemption Law in County This Year Than Ever Before—Amount Reached Nearly \$900,000.

Between \$500,000 and \$900,000 in property have been exempted from taxation in Wayne county during the past few weeks by the 1,732 affidavits of mortgage indebtedness, that have been filed with the County Auditor and with the notaries throughout the county.

Three hundred more affidavits were filed this year than last, which means that more people are learning of the workings of the law in regard to the taxation of mortgages. In order to help the poorer classes, a law was passed by the State Legislature making mortgaged property partially exempt from taxation when the person who has mortgaged it filed an affidavit with the auditor or with a notary to such effect.

BANKS REOPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Temporary Quarters Are Fitted Up and Good Volume of Business Transacted.

HEAVY RENT DEMANDED

RESIDENCES FIT FOR HABITATION ARE BEING HELD FOR PRICES SEVERAL TIMES THEIR NORMAL VALUE.

[Publishers' Press] San Francisco, May 3.—When the banks of the city closed the doors of their temporary quarters this afternoon, the officials were well satisfied with the volume of business that had been transacted under difficulties. The banks reopened this morning, under an agreement reached yesterday whereby deposits were received subject to immediate check for any amount up to the limit deposited. These accounts are all marked special so far it has been deemed unwise to open the vaults of the larger financial institutions and the books and money still in them will not be available until Monday or Tuesday of next week. However, it was felt that the merchants should be given an opportunity of transacting business and the scheme was developed and it is working well. Regular banking business will be continued next week in the temporary quarters secured and this announcement has greatly cheered all classes.

Abundance of Cash.

There is an abundance of cash on hand among most of the merchants whose places of business were desolated by the earthquake.

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ATTEMPTS LIFE WITH CUP OF LYE

John A. Rider on Verge of Death from Rash Act Committed Yesterday.

AN INVALID FOR A YEAR

THROAT, MOUTH AND STOMACH OF UNFORTUNATE MAN ARE FEARFULLY BURNED AND HIS DEATH IS PROBABLE.

After several unsuccessful attempts to take his own life, John A. Rider, 252 South West Second street, early yesterday morning swallowed nearly a tin cupful of concentrated lye and water, and is now on the verge of death, with no hope of recovery. Ill health, which for the past year has made him an invalid, is assigned as the cause for his rash act.

Mr. Rider awoke early yesterday morning before any of the other members of the family were awake and went to the kitchen. He took a can of Red Seal Lye and shook a quantity of it into a tin cup. He then added water and drank the mixture. His wife heard his staggering in the kitchen and ran to see what was the matter. She found that he had drunk the poison and immediately called for a doctor, who arrived at about seven o'clock.

Try To Save His Life.

Most of the day was spent working with the sick man, who continually begged to be allowed to die, as he was tired of life and wanted to be dead. Late in the afternoon he was resting better, but the poison has completely destroyed the tissues of the throat, mouth and stomach and death is inevitable. His face also was badly burned as a result.

Mr. Rider was employed at the Robinson & Co. shops as a coremaker before he became sick, about a year ago. Last winter he made several attempts to end his life and was being closely watched by members of his family to see that he did not do himself harm. He has a wife and three children, Frank, Jesse and Clara.

FORAKER CALLS IT OFF

Ohio Convention Will Not Spring Presidential Boom for Senator Just Now.

[Publishers' Press] Columbus, O., May 3.—Friends of Senator Foraker here announce that the Senator has decided that the proposed resolution endorsing his candidacy for the presidency shall not be offered at the coming State convention. Senator Foraker was advised that there was sure to be some opposition to the resolution and it might fail of adoption. In any event it would cause unpleasantness in the convention. The Senator's attitude on the railway rate bill is not all satisfactory to his constituents.

MAKE-UP OF THE BOARD OF WORKS

Schillinger Will Offer Places to C. W. Merrill, B. B. Johnson and J. H. Mills.

MANY DISAPPOINTED ONES

IT IS SAID THAT ALL OTHER APPOINTMENTS WILL BE DEMOCRATIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OFFICE.

Mayor-elect Schillinger, according to a Democrat of prominence in the councils of the party in Richmond, has about decided upon the make-up of a part of his official family. It is asserted that the number of Democrats who would like a slice of the Democratic pie that will be cut in Richmond on the morning of September 1, next, are so numerous that even the most consistent wielding of the pie knife will not provide enough to feed the hungry.

The Board of Public Works, as decided upon by Mayor-elect Schillinger, and his close advisers, is as follows:

B. B. JOHNSON, CLIFTON W. MERRILL, JOSEPH H. MILLS.

Messrs. Johnson and Merrill are the Democratic appointees and Mr. Mills is the Republican. It is the understanding that the first two have accepted the offers of places on the board. Mr. Merrill was chairman of the City Democratic committee during the last municipal campaign. Mr. Johnson was formerly a Republican, though with such independent tendencies that he finally jumped out of the party and became a full-fledged Independent. He is understood to have been an ardent supporter in his second term and was a Parkerte during the last National campaign. He was a supporter of Dr. Schillinger and was the presiding officer at the Democratic convention which nominated him for mayor.

It is asserted that the Republican place on the board of works was first offered to John J. Harrington, who declined the honor. It is not known whether or not Mr. Mills has accepted.

The city attorneyship, city engineer, street commissioner, chief of fire department, superintendent of the crematory and the city health board members have all been decided upon, according to the Democrat to whom the Palladium talked last night, but as to who these appointees are has not leaked out. It is stated, however, that with one exception none of the present incumbents will remain.

CORWIN SPENCER DIES SUDDENLY

Noted Speculator Stricken While Watching a Stock Ticker at St. Louis.

WORLD'S FAIR DIRECTOR

DECEASED WAS PROMINENT IN ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION BEING THIRD VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

[Publishers' Press] St. Louis, May 3.—Corwin H. Spencer, known throughout the country as a most daring speculator and one of the wealthiest men in St. Louis, died at 4:31 p. m. Thursday in a room at the Planters Hotel of acute indigestion. The noted capitalist and broker was stricken at 1:45 p. m., while watching the stock ticker in the office of Bartlett, Frazer and Carrington.

Uttering a cry which startled the members of the firm, Spencer pitched forward from his seat. He soon recovered sufficiently to say that he was very ill. He declared he was too weak to be taken home. A cot was sent for and he was carried to a room in the hotel. Spencer became unconscious soon after being carried to the room and remained so to the end.

The news of Spencer's death came as a great shock to his business associates. He was on the floor of the Merchants Exchange in the forenoon apparently in the best of health. Spencer was very prominent in the direction of the world's fair. He held the office of third vice-president and was chairman of the committee on ceremonies. He was about 50 years old. His Washington Avenue home, built a few years ago at a cost of \$160,000 is considered the finest residence in St. Louis.