

LONG SIEGE ENDED

Mitchell at Last Off Witness Stand.

DID NOT AGREE WITH WRIGHT

Differed on Points as to Whether Two Classes of Coal Miners Should Have Separate Unions—Sociological Testimony.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 19.—After being on the stand for four and a half days, President Mitchell, of the Miners' Union, completed his testimony before the Anthracite Strike Commission at noon today.

One of the most important things brought out during the cross-examination of President Mitchell today was his emphatic declaration that the miners were opposed to separating the bituminous miners from the anthracite workers, thus creating two organizations.

Commissioner Wright, as head of the Department of Labor, in his report to President Roosevelt on the coal strike, dated June 20, suggested, among other things, as "reasonable and just" to prevent industrial conflict in the anthracite fields, that "anthracite employees should organize an anthracite coal miners' union, in its autonomy to be independent of the United Mineworkers of America."

The nonunion men, that is, those who remained at work during the strike, were made a party to the arbitration plan today by their counsel agreeing to make public the names of the men who petitioned the commission. In connection with the non-union feature of the investigation, Mr. Mitchell announced that he is also representing thousands of nonunion men who struck with the unionists and that the workers would abide by the decision of the arbitrators, "or get out of the union."

Mr. Mitchell's testimony today contained little that was new to the commission, and that of Mr. Roberts was of a general character, regarding the economic and sociological conditions in the anthracite coal country. The commissioners, while regretting they have to do so, still reminded both sides that they would like to have the submission of testimony expedited.

Chairman Gray several times during the day interrupted and showed that ground then being gone over had already been covered. It has been suggested that counsel for both sides agree to rules for the submission of evidence, but nothing has yet been done looking toward that end.

The Anthracite Strike Commission resumed its hearing today with the usual large crowd in the courtroom.

Mr. Mitchell, answering questions by W. W. Ross, counsel for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Road, said that an increase in wages without adopting the weighing system would not meet the demands of the miners.

When Mr. Ross concluded his examination Mr. Mitchell was cross-examined by former Congressman Wolverson, counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company.

Mr. Mitchell said it would be impossible for him to give in detail the conditions at each mine or even under each company. He also declared that it would neither be possible nor desirable to divide the United Mine workers into two separate organizations, one bituminous and the other anthracite.

"The anthracite miners," he said, "have had independent and separate organizations in the past. They have had several of them. They have gone. They do not want any more of their organizations to go the same way."

The reply of Mr. Mitchell excited some interest because of the fact that there was a suggestion made by Carroll D. Wright in his report of the strike to President Roosevelt.

James H. Torrey, of Scranton, representing the Delaware & Hudson Company, followed with a number of inquiries on the subject of the riot that occurred at Shenandoah, Mr. Mitchell was emphatic in saying that the reports sent out were grossly exaggerated and that only one life was lost.

The individual operators who have not up to the present time presented their cases before the commission, through one of their attorneys, Ira H. Burns, of Scranton, inquired of the commission if they would be given the opportunity to examine witnesses when questions arise which are different with them than with the railroad companies. Judge Gray answered that they would.

Mr. Mitchell, in reply to Mr. Burns, said that when a man strikes he does not voluntarily give up his job, but he strikes for an improvement in the conditions of his job. If he wins he gets back the position; if he loses he goes back with his hat in his hand and asks for a job.

Case of Nonunion Miners. Judge Gray here interrupted to explain the understanding of the commission with respect to the returning of men who had struck. He said:

"I think the understanding is that pending the consideration of the questions by this commission the strikers were to return to work and I think the further understanding is—don't let me be misunderstood—that the nonunion men should not be interfered with nor displaced from employment generally by the return of the union men."

Mr. Mitchell declared with emphasis in the course of subsequent examination that the miners will carry out to the letter the decision of the commission "or get out of our union."

Judge Gray then announced the decision of the commission in the matter of the application of John T. Lenahan and John T. O'Brien, attorneys for the nonunion men, to appear in the case. In the light of all that has happened, Judge Gray, he said, will allow them to appear, but the commission could not consent to the withholding from the public of the names of

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The nonunion men as their attorneys had desired. After Mr. Lenahan assented to this Judge Gray announced that the commission would see that no unfair use would be made of the names.

Mr. Darrow insisted that Messrs. Lenahan and O'Brien really represented the operators and not the nonunion men. "Whether they be here in that way or not," Judge Gray replied, "they represent an important element in the investigation; men who work for their living and who are interested in the findings of this commission. We have considered that very carefully from all sides."

Child Labor in Mines. Responding to a question from Commissioner Watkins for a suggestion as to what should be done in the matter of child labor, Mr. Mitchell said that a law should be enacted providing that after a certain age children under 14 years of age should not be employed in the breaker. The only way now that the operators could prevent the evil would be to refuse to employ children until they are 14 years of age. It frequently happened, he said, that parents swore falsely regarding the ages of children.

The miners' president, after being under the cross-examination of more than half a dozen lawyers for four and a half days, then left the witness stand.

The Rev. Peter Roberts, D. D., of Mahoning City, who is the author of a book on the anthracite coal industry, took the stand, and had just begun his testimony when a recess was taken.

In the course of his examination by Mr. Darrow in the afternoon Mr. Roberts furnished statistics showing that the anthracite fields covered 69 square miles. Out of a total population of 650,000 people, he said, 450,000 were directly dependent on the mines.

Answering questions by Mr. Wolverson, Dr. Roberts said there were four methods of payment in the anthracite region—by the car, by weight, by the yard and by the day. The wages paid are far from uniform, he said, and he then went on to describe the changes which had been made in the size of the cars from 72 cubic feet until now they vary from 80 to 92 feet.

In moving the car from the breast mine to the shaft, Mr. Roberts said, there was a 5 per cent shakedown.

Subsequent examination brought out the fact that the miner who put more than six inches of "topping" on his car receives no additional compensation for it.

"Has the question of mining coal and being paid by the car been a source of vexation and trouble and dissatisfaction to the miner?" Mr. Darrow asked.

The witness answered that it was "one of the complaints that have existed since 1890. The first strike in 1893, he said, was on a demand for an eight-hour day.

"Have miners been obtaining homes to any extent during the last 10 years?" the witness was asked, which elicited the response that they had been, with the possible exception of the Italians who did not settle in the United States.

Mr. Roberts had compared the Slav standard of living with that of the native American, showing it to be far below the standard of the American workman. "Very few of the miners' children," he said, after the rate the age of 14, have attended school.

The witness declared, in response to a question, that a miner's occupation is more risky than in any other large industry. There were more deaths in the

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BRYAN TALKS OF THE PRESS Weekly Rather Than Daily Is the Political Paper.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—President Alfred Walter, of the Lehigh Railroad, today tendered his resignation to the board of directors at the regular monthly meeting of that body, to take effect November 30.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Central Railway of New Jersey made the following announcement today: "The management of the Jersey Central intends that its employees shall be treated as well as those of its neighbors and where recent increases made by railroads in this territory make the average rate of wages higher than those paid by the Jersey Central, the wages of such classes of its employees will be equalized to meet the prevailing rates paid."

WAGE READJUSTMENT ON WABASH. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 18.—A notice has been posted at the various shops of the Wabash system to the effect that a revision of the scale of wages for skilled labor had been directed by the president, and the superintendents met at the headquarters today to go over the details looking to a general advance if the scale is found to be lower than those of other lines.

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SECURITIES HEARING POSTPONED. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The continuation of the hearing in the case of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Company, set for today, was adjourned until tomorrow. Counsel for Minnesota got the adjournment on the grounds that E. H. Harriman and Robert Bacon, the witnesses wanted today, could not attend and that other testimony in course of preparation is not in condition for presentation.

NO NAVAL STATION HERE FOR GERMANY. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—In reply to reports imputing to Germany an intention to establish a permanent naval station near the American coast, Berlin newspapers observe, says a Tribune dispatch from London, that the squadron now cruising in Central American waters was fitted out to protect the legal interests of Germany. No intention exists, it is declared, of permanently stationing this squadron off the eastern American coast, and Germany does not possess the ships necessary for establishing a station on the western American coast.

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