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A WEAK REPLY TO MITCHELL.

(Bulletin.)

The New York Evening Post is a model newspaper in many respects, and its editorials are generally as sound as they are well written, but the New York Evening Post has a notorious leaning toward the side of capital in labor disputes. Let the distant Filipino complain of oppression and the New York Evening Post is with him. Let the poor man in foreign parts groan under tyranny and the New York Evening Post will publish his woes. But let a coal miner in Western Pennsylvania demand justice and relief, and straightway the New York Evening Post scolds him harshly and upbraids him for showing bad manners toward his betters, the operators.

But the Post had a tough nut to crack when it undertook to reply to the statement of the mineworksrs given out a short while ago by President John Mitchell. The reply to Mitchell is strained and about as puerile as it well could be when done by the clever pen of one of the Post's editorial writers.

The burden of the Post's argument is that Mitchell's statement is inexcusably belated; that it is six weeks overdue. Tardiness, however, is not an element of logical unsoundness, and the Post's other objections are more worthy than the first of consideration.

President Mitchell included in his statement some statistics of coal mining the matter of which was derived from government reports. These statistics, says the Post, will not stand against figures actually shown on the books of the companies. "The government's statistics cannot, in the first place be held to be more accurate than the Reading's." Singular reasoning this which forbids Mitchell to take his figures from so impartial a source as the government, and commands him to rest his case on figures supplied by the adverse party in interest. Does not the Post confess that "the mixing up of railroad business with that of mining does, as President Mitchell asserts, lead to a good deal of bookkeepers' juggling, and makes it very difficult to say just what the actual cost of production is in the case of anthracite coal"? If the operators have juggled one set of figures why must it be presumed that other sets may be relied on Has the Post, which uses lawyer's expressions in plenty, never heard the maxim, "false in one, false in all."

But the government figures quoted by Mitchell embarass the Post, and they are finally kicked out of the way with the argument that "an increase in labor-saving devices might account for the apparent increase of coal mined per capita, even with a really diminished efficiency by the finished miner." Might account, certainly, but are there any facts to warrant this argument? If there are, the burden is on the Post to produce them.

The spirit of the Post on the labor question breaks out violently in the latter part of the article in that paper, for that part is a tart attack on the Miners' Union. The Post declares that it is a bad union, and it argues, therefore, that the operators are in the right. This is a very narrow view to take of a large matter, and it is quite unworthy of the Post. The miners have not had an education equal to that the men who write editorials in the New York Evening Post, and they may not be so nice in their manners or choice of their words as those writers, but they are honest men with a just grievance, and the sympathy, as well as the reason, of every good American ought to be with the Miners' Union.

And still another Democratic state convention turns down Bryan! Georgia ignores both "the peerless leader" and the Kansas City platform in its declaration of principles. But then Georgia is not a Western state. Wait till we hear from the Democratic "Pops," Bryanites and silverites beyond the Missouri—then we shall have harmony with a vengeance.—Ex.

It's a pity that a man like Tracy will throw himself away. Just think what the Boer army would have achieved if Tracy had been appointed a general. He could have fought his way to be mayor of New York.

Having one battleship to construct at a navy yard, it is only fair Mr. Moody should know that he is regarded by the people of Brooklyn as the greatest secretary of the navy the country ever had.

An exchange likens the firecracker to the anarchist. If the anarchist would only follow the comparison a little further and blow himself clean out of existence when he xplodes.

You can discern more of the outcroppings of human nature at a dog fight than at a prayer meeting.

When a man asks you for advice first find out the kind that he wants and then give it to him freely and he will be convinced that you and himself are two of the smartest men that ever lived.

The mind of man is tempted with exaggeration. If he hears things derogatory to his fellow he is prone to believe them, but if they are, good they pass from his memory.

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Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives protection against all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles. Keep it near and avoid suffering death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Charles Rogers. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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The opinions of some people are not worth much. If they were they would not be spending them so freely.

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If you should happen to see a man with a wooden leg don't get excited; that is just his other leg.