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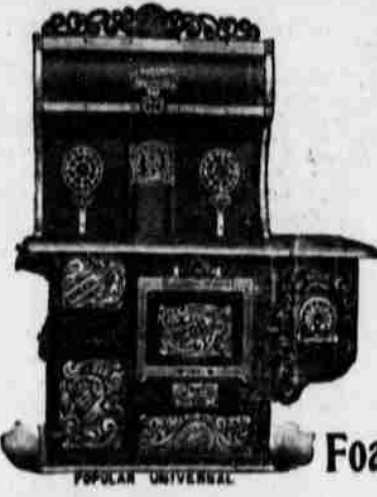
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MITCHELL'S PLEA FOR THE MINERS

Masterly Presentation of Striker's Cause Before Arbitration Commission.

DEMANDS OF MEN EXPLAINED

Justice of Their Contentions Set Forth in an Address That Covered All Phases of The Situation.

SCRANTON, Nov. 14.—The anthracite coal strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt to arbitrate the differences existing between the miners of the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania and their employers today began the hearing of testimony by which it will determine whether or not the workmen are receiving fair and just wages and whether their conditions should not be improved. The star witness for the miners—President John Mitchell—took the stand in the forenoon, and when the commission adjourned he was still under the fire of a cross-examination by David W. Wilcox, general counsel for the Delaware & Hudson company.

It was a trying day for the miners' leader, but he seemed to stand the test well. The heaviest fire of the cross questions was aimed at him late in the afternoon session, and when the hour of adjournment was reached Wilcox was still propounding questions and testing Mitchell's memory.

The opening of the session was a notable day in the annals of law in the upper anthracite region. Ranged around three tables in front of the seven commissioners were no less than 70 lawyers, 24 of whom were looking after the interests of the mineowners.

Mr. Mitchell's statement to the board contained 699 words. He said there were 147,000 persons employed in the districts affected, of whom 43 percent are employed on piece work. He told of the hazardous life of the coal miner, who, despite the fact that the daily death rate in the mines from accident was 2.6, received less wage than any other class of miners in the country. The man who escaped death or injury in the mines, he said, was sure to be attacked with miners' asthma, and so great is the risk of the men that they can not be insured. The advance of 20 percent asked, Mr. Mitchell continued, would not provide \$1000 insurance for each man.

In support of the demand for shorter hours, Mr. Mitchell said the eight-hour scale applied elsewhere, and that government reports showed that the men produced more coal in the shorter day than under the 10-hour system. The soft coal miners receive in many instances from 20 to 40 percent higher wages for eight hours' work than the anthracite miners receive for 10 hours' work.

As to the demand for equitable measurement of coal, the president said the recognized ton was 2240 pounds, but that, under the measuring system, the miner's ton was 2740 to 3190 pounds. The operators have a plan of docking that deprives the miner of almost half his work.

REBELS' CAUSE HAS BEEN LOST

The Uprising in Venezuela is Reported to Have Been Finally Put Down.

HERNANDEZ SET AT LIBERTY

President Castro Sanguine That No Further Trouble Will Occur—General Rodriguez Would Surrender.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Mail advices have been received at the state department which indicate the utter collapse of the revolution in Venezuela. According to reports reaching here today, President Castro has issued a proclamation in which he intimates that the rebellion is over, and it would seem from his statement that he regards the revolutionary movement as finally crushed.

From Caracas comes the report that the rebels have been taken off General Jose Manuel Hernandez, Dr. Finol and the other prisoners detained in the castle of San Carlos. Hernandez was imprisoned by order of President Castro, that he might not take part in the rebellion. The government's action in releasing him makes it plain that future trouble is not anticipated.

RODRIGUEZ WOULD SURRENDER

CARACAS, Nov. 14.—General Rodriguez, formerly a cabinet minister during the administration of ex-President Andrade, and who has been one of the leaders of the revolution in Venezuela, has offered to surrender to the government. The cause of the revolutionists is believed to be lost.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM CHANGES HANDS

Shocks Agitators Who Schemed for Municipal Competition

MUST BE CAUTIOUS

SO DECLARED COLLEGE PRESIDENT WHO SPOKE OF FORMATION OF COMBINATIONS.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—"The greatest danger of modern times is the tendency to specializing in all lines and I think this spirit is responsible for unions, trusts and combinations. We would not have had these combinations had not the specialists forced their organization." So declared Dr. William R. Harper, President of the University of Chicago at Handel hall last night at an entertainment given under the auspices of the city lodges of the Independent Order of F.N.M.B.U.

RECEPTION GIVEN MARINERS

Torpedo Fleet Arrives at Porto Rico Amid Ovation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Officers and crews of the torpedo flotilla were given a hearty informal reception when they arrived at Mayaguez, says a Herald dispatch from San Juan, Porto Rico. The boats had a rough passage from Hayti, but from there the weather was fine. The only accident on the voyage was the blowing out of the Thornton's boiler in Mayaguez harbor.

BOLIVIA ARRANGES EXPEDITION

Second Vice President Will Be Left in Charge of Government.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Congress is authorizing the emission of one million dollars in paper currency to cover the cost of the expedition to Acre and has placed the debt upon the Northwestern Colonias, which means Acre, says a Herald dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia. Preparations for the expedition, that is to consist of 1000 men, already have been commenced.

WILL BE BURIED ALIVE

Court Permits Hypnotist to Put His Wife Under Ground.

TOBACCO WAR IN GERMANY

American Firm Creates a Stir Across Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—An active tobacco war is in progress in Germany, according to a Herald dispatch from Berlin. It is a three sided contest. The most formidable adversary is a large American company which is declared to have bought up the James Matz factories of Dresden and set domestic tobacco interests agog by purchasing all the Turkish leaf tobacco in a storage at Dresden in order to secure a monopoly of the supply. Inasmuch as the German tobacco market and its supply is not a monopoly as in France, Russia and other countries, the fight for control promises to be a keen one.

MANIAC CREATES CONFUSION

MAKES ATTACK WITH A KNIFE AND RUNS PURSUED BY NEIGHBORS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—While protecting Mrs. W. R. Gardiner of Bath Beach from the attacks of a supposed maniac armed with a long knife, three neighbors received stab wounds, one of them, John McMahon, being injured so seriously that he will probably die.

WAR BETWEEN INDIANS AND WHITES IS FEARED

Encroachments of Settlers Cause Redmen to Go On the Warpath—Settlers Are Warned.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 14.—News has reached here from Indo of serious trouble with the Indians on the reservation near that place and some fear is felt of a clash between the whites and redmen. For some time, it is understood, white men have been encroaching upon the lands claimed by the Indians and there has been much trouble from time to time on that account. Recently the feeling of the two parties has grown bitter. Lately the Indians have learned how their tribesmen have been forced to give up their holdings on the Warner's Ranch reservation and move away and they fear similar action in their own case if the whites are permitted further to encroach upon their territory. So far as known here no blood has been shed up to the present time but the Indians are said to have warned the settlers against remaining upon their reservation and a conflict may occur at any time.

FAILED TO KILL THE FIRST BEAR

Another Member of President's Party Did The Successful Shooting Yesterday.

EXECUTIVE ON THE TRAIL

Another Track Discovered About Dark And Roosevelt Started Off in Hope of Getting a Shot.

SMEDES, Miss., Nov. 14.—A lean black bear, which weighs 235 pounds, is hanging up at the president's camp on the Little Sandover, but, to the regret of all the members of the party, the first trophy of the hunt did not fall to the president's rifle.

BOSTON BANK CLOSES DOORS

CLEARANCE HOUSE REFUSES AID—SUFFICIENT ASSETS TO PAY DEPOSITS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—A special dispatch to the Associated Press from Boston, Mass., to the Herald says: The Central National bank will not, it is stated, open its doors today, the clearing house committee having decided to refuse aid. When the facts were brought to the attention of the Controller of the Currency he is understood to have authorized the bank examiner to close the doors. W. E. Neal is stated to have been appointed receiver.

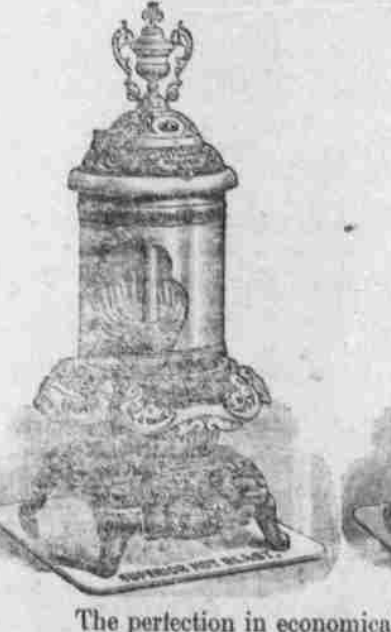
BAKER TURNS SMUGGLER

ATTIRES ITALIAN IN COOK'S GARB AND EVADES IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Charged with smuggling aliens into the United States by a unique and ingenious method, Auguste Melloro, chief baker on the steamer Roma, has been placed in jail here. Arnold Cappa, an Italian is detained by the immigration officers and federal officers are searching for other immigrants who are alleged to have landed illegally.

The Roma arrived from Naples last week. According to Cappa, the baker offered for 25 lire to dress him in a white cap and apron, the regulation baker's garb, so that he could land without having to undergo the official inspection. Cappa says he and four other aliens took up the offer. The immigration officers passed them as members of the crew.

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