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LAWYER McVEIGH TAKES BACK SEAT

Consumed too Much Valuable Time—Commissioners Question Mitchell.

HOLDS STAND FOUR DAYS

Attorney for Nonunion Miners Attempts to Get Commission to Give His Cause a Hearing.

SCRANTON, Nov. 18.—President Mitchell for the fourth successive day occupied the witness stand during two sessions of the strike commission and was cross-examined by three attorneys for as many coal companies. While a considerable amount of information for the enlightenment of the commissioners was brought out, the day was rather a quiet one compared with those which have preceded it. The arbitrators are growing restive in consequence of the long cross-examination which apparently does not bring out facts as quickly as the commission would like to have them presented.

MacVeigh, who began the cross-examination of Mitchell Saturday, concluded today. The distinguished attorney centered most of his energies in trying to break down the miners' reason for asking for an agreement with the companies on hours of labor, wages and other conditions, which, if made, would be a recognition of the union. McVeigh's principal aim throughout the questioning of Mitchell was to show that the miners' union, because of alleged acts of intimidation, violence and use of the boycott, proved itself unfit to be party to a contract. Mitchell would not admit, not even assume for the sake of illustrating points, of the reign of terror existing in the anthracite fields during the last six months.

The recognition of the union is looked upon as the most important question before the commission, and it is quite evident from the trend of proceedings thus far that the companies will oppose it to their utmost ability. Before proceeding to the examination John T. Lenahan of Wilkesbarre, one of the attorneys for the nonunion men, who want the commission to take up their case, handed to the commission a list of 2000 names of nonunion men as his authority for appearing before the arbitrators. He did not wish the commission to make the names public at this time, but as Chairman Gray said everything filed with the commission is public matter, the names were unofficially handed in and were not given out for publication. He also filed a statement of the nonunion demands, which were published this morning.

Mr. MacVeigh, in resuming his cross-examination, said he would be glad to get an expression as to the influence of acts of violence on the temper and disposition of the union men said to have been committed by them. The witness said that he would not assume that the acts of violence are true.

"If," said he, "Forest City, which had been referred to, would be an example of all the towns and cities in the anthracite field, it would indicate that we were a very law-abiding, religious people."

"What I am trying to show," he continued, "is that there is a growing spirit of violence and disregard of law in their organization, and that your influence over them is insufficient to keep them law-abiding and peaceable as you desire them to be."

Under this arrangement of the union Mr. Mitchell retained his complete composure. The question met with a ready response.

"The fear that my influence," said he, "is not sufficient to deter men from the commission of crime is a contradiction of the claims often made about me." He was free to say that some men may have been deterred from going to work because of violence, but the strike itself lost more in public opinion by that than it could possibly gain.

POSTAL REPORT MADE PUBLIC

Madden Recommends Various Alterations in Rates on Publications.

WILL AFFECT NEWSPAPERS

Too Early to Consider Reduction on Rate of Letter Postage—Existing Abuses in System Pointed Out.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Edward C. Madden, third assistant postmaster-general, in his annual report, just made public, recommends the establishment of the following postal rates:

A new rate at 4 cents a pound on all publications not admitted to the second-class mail except daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers in the generally understood sense of the word "newspaper" (this rate is to be paid on the bulk weight without regard to the number of pieces, the same as is now the case under the third rate); the consolidation of the third and fourth class of mail matter, and that the postage thereon be at the rate of 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, to be prepaid by stamps affixed.

Congress also is asked to authorize the postmaster-general to accept under suitable regulations mailings of large quantities of identical pieces of printed matter and small articles of merchandise without the necessity of affixing postage stamps to the individual pieces.

The recommendation for the 4 cents a pound rate is an outgrowth of the investigation into the abuses of the second-class mail privileges. Mr. Madden says that many of the cheaper class of periodicals would be given away if the law would permit. The practice, it is said, is to maintain the fiction of a subscription price and to give back its equivalent in premiums.

The solution of the whole problem, he says, is that a new postage rate be created and applied to all publications now admitted to the second-class except daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers (from the sense the word "newspaper" is generally understood).

Mr. Madden says, "No one will question the public benefit of genuine newspapers, and for these an absolutely free rate might be granted if the privilege could be properly confined. But I am constrained to say that it is unjustifiable to longer tax the people for any part of the cost of distribution in the mails of any other class of periodical publications."

Concerning the public impression that 1 cent postage is probable in the near future, Mr. Madden says that it is altogether too soon to consider a reduction of the letter rate of postage on the mere basis that the reforms in second-class mail matter will save money to the government to compensate for the loss of revenue through reduction of the letter rate.

"Had the proposed 4 cents per pound rate and this anticipated rate of 1 cent per one-half ounce for letters existed during the last fiscal year," Mr. Madden says, "the result based upon an estimate, would have been an aggregate estimated deficiency of \$19,000,000. Thus, even under an increase in the rate of postage on periodicals as recommended, it will not be practicable to establish a 1 cent letter rate before the postal service is thoroughly adjusted, not only to the reforms in the second class mail matter, but also to the enormous expenditures necessary to completely and satisfactorily establish the rural free delivery system. The postal system is largely monopolized by publishers with more than two-thirds of the total weight of all matter from which revenue is derived for which they paid about one-twenty-fourth of the total postage revenue."

Mr. Madden recommends that congress be requested to pass a law allowing a reply envelope and reply postal card service, under a plan for collection of postage at the place of delivery rather than at the place of mailing.

Mr. Madden says that nearly \$4,000,000 was expended during the year on account of experimental rural free delivery and that had it not been for this large expenditure the postal service for the fiscal year 1902 would have been self-sustaining and would have had more than \$1,000,000 to its credit.

The report points out a number of still existing abuses, among the most flagrant of which is stated to be the

WILL RECLAIM ARID DISTRICTS

Irrigation Association Holds First Session of the Portland Convention.

ELECT OFFICERS AND ADJOURN

Mayor Williams and Representative Elect Williamson Address Delegates on Oregon Methods.

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—The Oregon Irrigation association met today and elected permanent officers, appointed a committee on resolutions and legislation and adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, A. H. Devers, of Portland; vice-president, W. R. King, Malheur county; secretary, J. M. Moore, Portland; treasurer, W. T. Wright. All officers were elected by acclamation except the president. For this office A. H. Devers and W. R. King were nominated, the vote standing, Devers 128; King 109. Devers was made the unanimous choice of the convention for president. The election of Devers is considered a victory for the adherents of government irrigation as against private undertakings.

Under an act passed by the last congress, \$600,000 has been allowed to Oregon for irrigation purposes. Mayor Geo. H. Williams delivered an address of welcome in which he facetiously referred to the steady down pour of rain for part of two days, remarking that, "Eastern people who have traveled in California and have been told there that it rains 12 months in the year in Oregon will be surprised to hear that a million dollars can be properly expended in this state in artificial irrigation, but they do not know that Oregon is a state distinguished for its variety of scenery, climate and soil."

Congressman-elect J. N. Williamson also addressed the convention and took occasion to reply to those who through the press have attacked his position on the irrigation question.

CRAZY ANARCHIST TELLS PLOT Alleged Plan to Assassinate President Roosevelt Divulged.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Lena Doxheimer who says she was associated with an anarchistic society of Hoboken and whose mental balance is questioned, is reported to have related a story of an alleged anarchist plotting against the life of President Roosevelt.

STOCK MEN ASSIGN Heavy Concern in Iowa Is Forced Out of Business.

MONTEZUMA, Ia., Nov. 18.—I. I. Bigler and Sons of Ratwicke, the largest fine stock breeders in the west assigned today. The liabilities are \$100,000 and their assets are \$200,000. The creditors, 55 in number, are mostly fine stock breeders in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

COMRADES IN ARMS HAVE TOUCHING REUNION

Before 500 Guests Chaffee and Wheaton Show Warmth of Greeting

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—"As a soldier, I know how the honors bestowed upon me come. They come to me through loyal devotion and service of other officers and soldiers—that great mass of men who compose the army of the United States. They have helped me to honor, and they have helped my loyal friend, Wheaton, to honor."

With this panegyric on the American soldier, Major-General Chaffee fitted a climax to the touching demonstration of comradeship of barrick and camp life at tonight's banquet at the Union League club. The hero of El Caney and General Lloyd Wheaton, the conqueror of the Moros, had met for the first time since they jarted in the jungles of Luzon and unabashed by the presence of 450 guests they had shown the warmth of soldiers' greetings.

BEARS IN MISSISSIPPI WILL BREATHE IN PEACE

Unable to Get a Shot, President Roosevelt Gives Up the Chase.

SMEDES, Nov. 18.—President Roosevelt's hunt in Mississippi is ended and he has not had even a shot at a bear. The last day of the chase was simply a repetition of the three preceding days, so far as his luck was concerned. Try as the hunters would, they could not get a bear within range of the president's rifle.

The dogs caught a fresh trail this morning and the president and Hoke Collier followed the trail half a dozen miles to the Big Sunflower river. The bear crossed a mile below the ford they went to and believing it was making for the canebrake on the other side they endeavored to head it off. When they got into the brake, however, they were disgusted to find that the bear had doubled on his track and crossed the river still further down. The president was reluctantly compelled to abandon further pursuit of the elusive quarry.

INVESTIGATE POINT LOMA

Rigorous Methods Will Be Employed in the Matter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—F. P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration has finished his business here and will leave tomorrow for San Diego, where he will investigate the Universal Brotherhood home at Point Loma.

The directors of the California society for prevention of cruelty to children decided today to institute a rigorous investigation of the conditions prevailing at Point Loma. Secretary White will leave for San Diego in company with Sargent.

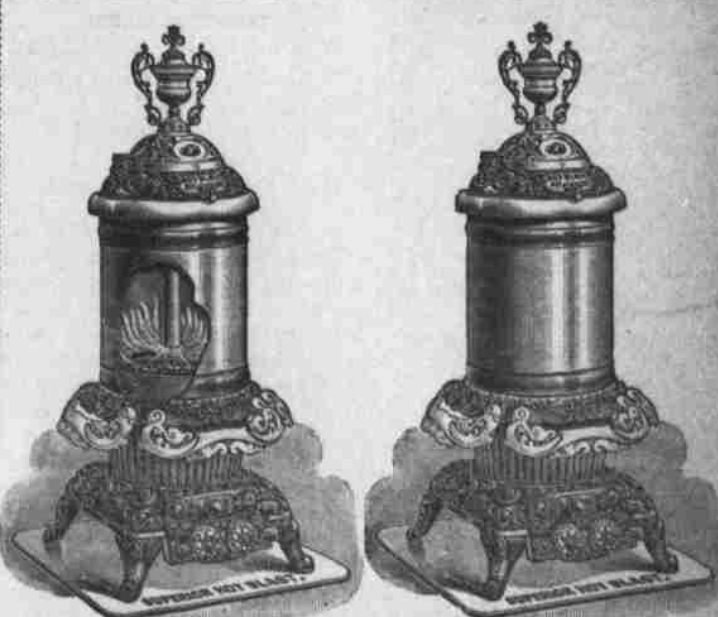
GUNBOAT MARIETTA TRAVELS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The gunboat Marietta left La Guayra yesterday for Curacao. It is assumed that conditions at the former port are again normal.

BOER GENERALS NOT COMING

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18.—Generals DeLarey and Botha have decided to abandon the proposed tour of the United States.

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