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STRIKE COMMISSION **OBTAINS FIGURES**

Resident Physicians Testify for Benefit of Workers in the Mines.

VIOLENCE IS EXAGGERATED

Parents of Children Under 16 Years Employed in the Mines Can Be Punished as Law Breakers.

SCRANTON, Nov. 20.-When today's session of the strike commission be gan, Rev. Dr. Peter Roberts was put on the stand again. When the commission adjourned yesterday, ex-Congressman Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company, was crossexamining Dr. Roberts. Answering a question pronounded by Judge Gray yesterday, Dr. Roberts said today that a comparison of fatalities on all railroads in the United States with those in the anthracite fields show that 2.5 per 1000 railroad employes are killed, while 3.5 per see mine employes are killed. The fatalities to switchmen, flagmen and watchmen in 1900, he stated to be 5.3 aids the mines.

The question of arriving at a fair price on rock in connection with coal ould be adjusted only by the mine employes and the companies. He said it was far from the truth to characterize the operators as hard-hearted and unjust, and as seeking constantly to grind men down to be last penny of wages, as had been charged.

After reading from a lengthy article by Dr. Roberts in the Yale Review on the labor situation in the hard coal fields prior to the strike, witness said in elaboration of what he had written hat by investigation regarding the novement forming an independent organization, he found that movement was chiefly a rising by the nonunion

of their action," said he, "but it seems that they were instigated to movepents of this kind by parties opposed the organization of labor.

"If the conditions in the bituminous regions," inquired Mr. Wolverton, "are better than in the anthracite fields, why did the men who jett the hard coal regions during the strike return to the anthracite fields after the

The response was that they did so because of social and family ties. Dr. Roberts in his examination, said the newspaper reports of violence had been greatly exaggerated.

They grew hungry in the struggle," he said, "and a hungry man is dange --

The fact was brought out in the course of the cross-examination that the Pennsylvania legislature in 1891, bassed a compulsory education law, applying to every child under 16 years, and that under its provisions parents

The question of the extra hazardous burneter of the miners' occupation vas then referred to by Everett Warren, counsel for the Eric company, who asked the witness if it were true that over 50 percent of the accidents are attributable to the anxiety of the miner to get out of the mine at a much earlier hour than noon. The witness was not prepared to say that that was the per-

David Wilcox, counsel for the Delaare & Hulson company next took Dr. Roberts in hand, and was cross-exam ning him on the inequality of wages and the life insurance risks when the unmission took the usual recess. The afternoon session brought out

much expert testimony on the question of the health of the mineworkers Three physicians who have practiced in Scranton or Wilkesbarre took the stand for the miners and testified that the occupation of mmeworker was 'very unhealthful" and shortened life. Dr. Lenahan of Wilkesbarre, who has had long experience among mineworkers itstified that fully 99 percent of the men who work in the mines suffer in onsequence. Their health is impoverished and their general condition is below par, thus decreasing their earning powers. The principal ills suffered by miners, the physicians said, were miners' asthma, rheumatism and lum-

EXPENSIVE SHOOTING.

bago:

Because He Shot Wrong Man Saloor Keeper Must Pay \$1500.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 .- A verdict of

\$1500 damages has been awarded by a jury in the circuit court at Newark, N. J., against Thomas E. Carr, who m last February 12 shot Theodore Perres a railroad brakeman, mistaking him for a highwayman.

Carr has a saloon in Waverly. There was a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad and Ferre ran to Carr's saloon to get some whisky. The proprietor had been a victim of robbers, and catching a glimpse of the bottle, which he mistook for a pistol, in the brakeman's hand, suspected another attempt at a hold-up. Securing a revolver he fired twice before discovering the error. Both bullets took effect and the brakeman sued on the ground that he was so crippled that he cannot pursuue his Thousands of Dollars Were Re former vocation.

QUESTION OF TIME.

AN OUTLAY OF \$19,940 HANGS UP-ON DISPUTE OVER TWO AND ONE HALF MINUTES.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 20 .- Whether noon in Louisville is reckoned according to standard or solar time is the question involved in 13 suits for \$19,-540 insurance filed here by the Peaslee-Gaulbert company and the Louisville Lead and Color company. Each of these suits is against insurance companies that held policies on these buildings of the two companies destroyed by fire about midday, April 1, last.

The policies of the 13 defendant com panies were in force from noon April 1, 1991, to noon, April 1, 1992. None of the policies makes it plain whether the word noon means according to standper 1000, as against 5.5 per 1000 among and or solar time. The records of the miners and their laborers working in- fire department show that the flames were discovered about 11:45 o'clock, although the exact moment never has been definitely settled. Solar time is mining Dr. Roberts said, was one that 17 1-2 minutes faster than standard time and if the fire broke out at 11:45 standard time, it was then two and one-half minutes after noon by solar Thus the defendant insurance companies claim that the "neon" in the policies means solar time and base their position for efusing to pay them upon the ground that the policies expired two and one-half minutes before the fire broke out.

GREAT ENGLISH CRICKETERS.

Team Will Play Engagement in California at the Presidio.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20 .- Lord Hawke's star cricket team is to play its only American engagement next Wednesday at the Presidio athletic grounds, against a picked team of California cricketers. The English tourists are on their way to New Zealand for a series of matches, and the local date was made possible because the sailing of their boat for the antipodes gives them a two days' stay here. Lord Hawke himself will play on the

REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED

Eruption Did Not Create the Great Damage Attributed To It.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 .- A. Lazo Arriaga, minister from Guatemala, has received letters and telegrams stating that the reports published in this country about the loss of life and property caused by the eruption of the Santa Maria volcano are exaggerated. Part of the present coffee crop'is destroyed but it is generally expected that most of the plantations will recuperate.

REVOLUTION CONTINUES

So Think Diplomats Owing to Action of President Castro.

WILLEMSTED, Curacao, Nov. 20 .-It is considered remarkable that President Castro has not resumed the functions of the presidency of Venezuela. which he gave over to the vice-president when he took the field. Delay on the part of hie president is regarded by diplomats as an indication that he is not satisfied that the revolution is

BOILER EXPLODES

Engineer Is Killed and Building Is Completely Demolished.

EVERETT, Nov. 20,-The boller in the Snohomish power house exploded yesterday killing Richard Padden, engineer, and badly scalding Adam Anderson. The brick building is totally demolished and several other employes had miradulous escapes from death. Water is now being pumped into the city mains by fire engines.

PRETTY HARD LUCK

After Escaping From Volcano Eruption, Gets Killed By Street Car.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20,-Albert Bardweel, six years old, one of the five Stubblefield the bulk of his estate is to Guatemala volcano refugees who arrived here yesterday, was run over and | for hie maintainence of an orphans' killed by an electric car today.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SUFFERS BIG LOSS

Fire Creates Fearful Havoc in San Francisco-Depot and Ferry Slip Destroyed.

FIRE BOATS TO THE RESCUE

cently Spent in Improving Property Which Is Now Charred Ruins.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29 .- The Southern Pacific depot and ferry slips extending far into the bay from the east ern shore, were totally destroyed by fire early this morning. A large numher of passenger coaches were also burned and it is feared that several lives have been lost.

The fire broke out from some un known cause, soon after the ferry boat Oakland had reached the slip on her last trip from this city. It was about 1 o'clock and the kitchen crew of the steamer had retired to their lodgings in a small structure near the end of the pler. Suddenly the flames burst out, quickly spreading through the de not, a big building of wood and glass, The upper, works of the Oakland caught fire and her Captain was forced to cut loose and leave his men behind. They may have escaped but have not yet been heard from.

The burned buildings, and slips were inaccessible for fire engines from the Alameda county shore but the two fire boats were dispatched to the scene from the city and aided in confining the flames to the end of the mole Nothing else could be done, however and everything on the broad extension of the pier was soon totally destroyed. The loss may exceed \$100,000, but cannot yet be closely estimated.

The depot was the terminal for trains to Santa Cruz and also for the trains to Oakland and Alameda. The depot was constructed on filled-in ground and was used as an approach for the Oakland and Alameda trains.

The cars in use on the line are of the mole and the wharf to

The ferry buildings proper covered everal acres and contained the wellfitted offices of the railroad operat-

WILL RECOVER MONEY DUE JOHN HANCOCK.

Attorney Asks to Be Appointed Administrator of Revolutionary Patriot Leader.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 .- An attorney of this city has filed a petition, says a Boston dispatch to the Times, asking that he be appointed administrator of the estate of John Hancock, the revolutionary patriot.

John Hancock, late in the eighteenth century was to some extent an undecwriter, taking insurance risks on vessels out of the port of Boston at the time when relations between France and this country were strained.

Some of the vessels were captured by French privateers and condemned in the French prize courts. The underwriters had to pay the insurance, and Hancock, like many others, was a loser in this way. The purpose of the appointment of an administrator is to recover from the United States the money which John Hancock was compelled to pay,

TWO CHARGES LODGED AGAINST ANARCHIST RUBINO.

Attempt on Life of King and on the Lives of Court Officials Included in Warant.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.-A warrant for the commital of Rubino, the anarchist, has been officially confirmed, says a Times dispatch from Brussals by way of London. The would-be assassin will be tried on two countsan attempt to kill King Leopold and a homicidal attempt on the lives of the court officials who were in the carriage at which Rubino fired.

WILL DEVOTE FORTUNE TO A NOBLE CAUSE

Wealthy Man of Walla Walla Wills His Wealth To Support of Home for Indigents.

WALLA WALLA, Nov. 20,-By provisions of the will of the late Joseph L. he invested and the income set aside home to be located in or near this city.

R. M. Dorethy and E. H. Reese of Umatilla county, Ore., and C. M. Rader of Walla Walla are named as executors of the will and trustees of the home. The clause relating to the inmates

"For the support of a home for father less and motherless and indigent children who are residents of the states of Oregon and Washington, and worthy elderly indigent widow residents of Oregon and Washington and to their maintainence and to giving a common school education and the teaching of some useful trade by occupation to the children inmates."

Joseph L. Stubblefield died last Satorday at the age of 84 years. He came to the Pacific coast in the early 60's. The estate is estimated to be worth nearly \$200,000.

RESULT OF EARTHQUAKE.

THOUSANDS KILLED, PLANTA-TIONS RUINED AND CITIES WIPED OFF THE EARTH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20 .- W. J. Campbell, who arrived today from Guatemala, brings additional details of the damage caused by the recent

earthquaks. Campbell said: "There is no clear idea of the loss or life but from what I could gather before leaving the country, I believe 5000 natives have been killed. I heard at San Jose that President Cabria was trying to suppress news, but evidence of the ruin vas apparent to everybody. "Some of the coffee fincas that have been entirely ruined were worth more than \$1,000,300. The plantation of Albert James, which was wiped out of existence had machinary upon it worth \$360,000. Alofo Meyers' finca, worth \$750,000, was entirely ruined. The town of Quexoltenango is practically ruined."

SULTAN SQUARES THINGS.

After Eexecuting Assassin He Enriches the Victim's Widow.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 .- The sultan of Morocco has presented \$5000 to Mrs. Cooper, widow of the English missionary, who was murdered by a native last month and whose assassin was shot to death in front of a mosquue on order of the suitan.

PHILIPPINE APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 .- The Philmost approved pattern. During the ippine commission has appointed John last year the Southern Pacific company S. Powell Judge of the court of first has expended many thousands of dol- instance in the fourteenth district of boats were kept busy all night moving lars in repairing the approaches to the Philippines; Adolph Wyselezenus dee of the same court in first district. and James H. Blount judge at large.

TRAVELERS' HOTEL BURNED.

DENVER, Nov. 20 .- A special to the Republican from Montevista, Col., says the hotel Blanco has been destroyed hy fire. The loss is \$75,000. The building belonged to the Travelers' Insurance company.

FREIGHTS COLLIDE

TACOMA, Nov. 20.-Two freight trains on the Northern Pacific were wrecked today in a collision near North Yakima. One engine and 12 cars were derailed. There were no casualities.

MAJOR WAINWRIGHT DEAD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 .- Major P. P. Wainwright of the Fifth cavalry is American Federation of labor today. dead at Manila of heart disease. Ma- The struggle lasted nearly all day and jor Wainwright graduated from the military academy in 1875.

CARRIE NATION SCORES BIG HIT

Attends the Races and Lectures the Populace on the Sin of Rich Attire.

HAS SCRAP WITH CAFE MAN

After Roasting Wine Drinkers and Acting Generally Foolish Police Interfere for the Public Good.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.-Mrs Carrie Nation created a sensation at the horse show today. Stationing herself in front of the Vanderbilt box, she delivered a tirade on over dress. In the box were Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Nichol-

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves," the woman screamed at them. "You ought to be ashamed to wear such disgraceful clothes. Take them off and attire yourselves more modest-Mrs. Nation then turned her attention to other boxes. started for a cafe, where she bore down on a party of men who were drinking wine. Mrs. Nation seized a bottle and shouted:

"Young men, don't drink such filthy stuff! You are going straight to hell." M. Villipigue, the caterer at the rarden, ran to Mrs. Nation and rescued the bottle, which she repeatedly brandished in the air. Then he pushed her out of the door and the police forced her out of the building.

HEAVY BLOW AT FRISCO

As a Result of the Wind Vessels and Docks are Damaged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20 .- A terrific norther raged on the bay last night and this morning, considerable damage being done to shipping in the harber. The wharves in the most exposed portions of water front were greatly injured by vessels pounding against them and several vessels lying at the docks were badly damaged. Tow vessels out of danger.

PRICE OF HOPS

Yesterday Reached Highest Point of

the Season. PORTLAND, Nov. 20 .- The hop marcet touched the highest point of the

sold 600 baies at 26 1-4 cents for a London account. The shipments to the east are heavy. \$22,000 worth of hops going forward to-

season today. Krebs Bros. of Salem

NARROW ESCAPE

Socialists Very Nearly Get Control of Labor Convention.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20 .- The socialists came within 400 votes of securing control of the convention of the a number of able speeches were made on both sides.

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