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## Cream of the Week's News.

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Scranton, Nov. 19—President John Mitchell was again on the stand this morning before the strike commission, and was cross-examined by Walter Ross, counsel for the Delaware & Eastern R. R.

Before Ross commenced the examination Commissioner Gray suggested that as Mitchell preferred to give his opinion only, and not figures, he be not asked questions already gone over.

Ross followed the tenor of McVeah by attempting to fix responsibility for violence upon the Miners' Union. He then took up the bituminous sections.

Mitchell answered each question decisively and was never confused.

Samuel Wolverton, counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading, next took Mitchell in hand. He said he wanted to ascertain his views on the differences between bituminous and anthracite interests and if it would not be better to make two separate organizations of the United Mine Workers.

Mitchell denied this on the ground that it would tend to the disintegration of the labor unions. The attorney of the Delaware & Hudson confined his examination to certain features constituting district No. 1 where the company's interests are largely located. Attorney Burns, counsel for the independent operators, brought out new points. He said since the conclusion of the strike men who went out want their places back, and that when a man leaves his place voluntarily his relation to his employers is supposed to cease.

He asked Mitchell: "Do you understand that our companies should discharge non-union men and take your men back?"

Mitchell replied: "No law compels one to put a man back in his old position if it is occupied, but in a case of a strike a man does not consider that he has given up his job when he goes out. Men taking such places should and do usually understand that their tenure is dependent entirely upon the outcome of the strike."

Burns closed by asking the commission that in case it decided for a trade agreement, that the independent operators should be allowed to make a showing of their individual condition. They will attempt to bring up the question of violation of the agreement. Gray refused to listen and said the commission had a moral sense of its own regarding that question.

Mitchell interposed and said he wanted it understood that the Miners' Union pledged itself to accept the award of the

commission, and whatever it might determine regarding the employment of non-unionists would be found to be carried out to the letter. Hence the question of possible violation need not enter into the discussion.

After several general questions pertaining to restrictions on child labor, Mitchell was excused. He looks lag-gard and worn, but he undoubtedly made a favorable impression upon all present.

London, Nov. 19—Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco, who came over to represent his archdiocese at the arbitration of the "Pins Claims" case and subsequently visited Rome and Ireland, sails for the United States today.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 19—The annual convention of the Stove Founder's National Defense association began in Detroit today with members present from St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Chicago and other cities of the country. The convention will consider and act upon a proposition from the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, Brass Molders and Brass Workers, Union looking to the establishment of a joint arbitration board for the adjustment of all disputes arising in the trade. The proposition is in most respects similar to the arrangement existing between the stove founders and the iron molders, which has prevented strikes in that branch of industry for the past sixteen years.

Scranton, Nov. 20—Deliberations of the strike commission are in danger of being drowned out indefinitely, judging from the tenor of the investigation in the past few days.

Nothing but what was already generally known from the miners' side of the question has been gained, John Mitchell's dignified attitude and patient toleration under the fire of the operators' bitter opposition has made an impression on the commission which cannot fail of good results.

Rev. Roberts of Mahoney City, was again examined as to the miners' inability to care for their families with existing wages.

In the course of Rev. Roberts' examination by Mr. Darrow, Mr. Roberts furnished statistics showing the anthracite fields covered 480 square miles and the total population was 650,000 people. He said four hundred and fifty thousand were directly dependent on the mines; that of one hundred and forty-seven

thousand miners employes in the anthracite districts, ninety-eight thousand worked under ground.

He said the number of saloons in Schuylkill county had decreased and the consensus opinion was that this was largely due to the Miners' Union. He said that the social worth, manliness and individuality of the Slaves had been greatly increased through the influence of the unions.

Mr. Roberts compared the Slav standard of living with that of native born Americans, showing it to be far below the standard of American workmen.

Witness declared in response to a question that the miners' occupation is more risky than other lines of industry. There were more deaths in the mines than on the railroads, but fewer accidents. It is generally believed that, notwithstanding the greater part of the testimony of the last five days has been devoted by the operators to an attempt to show irresponsibility of the Miners' Union, council will announce that their attitude on recognition of the union is a question not before the commission.

Portland, Nov. 20—The steamer Elder, of the Frisco line, tied up six weeks, sails this afternoon with non-union engineers and crew. The scab crew imported from Frisco all deserted.

New Orleans, Nov. 20—The committee report on the Gompers investigation was submitted to the convention today and was unanimously adopted. It makes a complete vindication.

Shaffer before the committee denied that he had ever impugned unionism. Gompers said the only trouble they ever had had been personal, when in a quarrel they had called each other liars.

The committee reported on the various socialistic resolutions. The substance of the report was that labor unionism comprises all things necessary or possible for the well being of the human family, that betterment may be obtained, it not being within the province of federation to dictate to members of the unions with which political party they should affiliate.

The opposition to boom Duncan for the presidency collapsed this morning with Gompers' complete vindication. At noon Duncan practically withdrew, making it almost certain that Gompers will be re-elected without opposition.

Just before recess the representative of the New Orleans freight handlers said the local court had issued an injunction restraining the union from holding any more meetings.

Gompers, with livid face, shouted: "Disregard the injunction; meet any way."

The convention wildly applauded.

Gompers said he would appoint a special committee this afternoon to investigate the matter and demand a early hearing of the injunction suit.

Oakland, Nov. 20—A fire at Oakland mole today destroyed the narrow gauge property, owned by the S. P. Co., incurring a loss of \$400,000. Fifty passenger cars were burned. The ferries were saved by being towed away.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

The worst wind storm of the season is raging and damage to shipping will be large.

The fire stopped all traffic between Oakland and San Francisco. Arrangements are being made to carry passengers via Alameda ferry.

Washington, Nov. 20—President Clarence Mackey called on the attorney-general this afternoon and announced the Pacific Cable Company's intention to construct a line from Manila to Shanghai within one year. The difficulty has been to secure a landing place in China.

Americus, Ga., Nov. 20—The Georgia Baptists began a convention here today to continue through the week. The attendance is large and the outlook is for a highly successful gathering.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 20—Practically the entire town of Elizabethton, the county seat of Carter county and once heralded as "The Iron City of the South," goes under the sheriff's hammer at public sale today. The sale marks

the final chapter of one of the most gigantic enterprises ever floated in this section of the country. The town was projected by the Watauga Land Company, which included among its backers John G. Carlisle of Kentucky, Senator McComas of Maryland, Robert P. Porter and other men of national fame. The city was to be the seat of innumerable enterprises of mammoth size and as a matter of fact was actually decided upon as the location for the naval armor manufactory of the United States. All of these plans, however, were knocked sky-high by the floods of 1901, and today the entire property, including over 1,000 acres of land, is estimated to not exceed \$50,000 in value.

**Overplayed Themselves.**  
"Confound it!" exclaimed the shallow dyspeptic in the fifth row, under his breath. "We've overdone the applause. Instead of merely coming out and bowing her thanks, she's going to sing again."—Chicago Tribune.

**Child labor is an undesirable "infant industry."**—Boston Herald.

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