

THE MINERS VICTORIOUS

But the Union Gets Very Little Consolation

REPORT OF COMMISSION

Upon Anthracite Coal Strike Dispute Is Made Public

MINERS GRANTED INCREASE IN WAGES, DECREASE OF TIME; A SETTLEMENT OF ALL DISPUTES BY ARBITRATION; FIXES MINIMUM WAGE—SLIDING SCALE.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The report of the Commission appointed by the President last October to investigate the anthracite coal strike was made public today. The report is dated March 18th, and is signed by all the members of the Commission, who are Judge Geo. Gray, of Delaware; Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright and Brigadier-General John M. Wilson, both of this city; Bishop John L. Spalding, of Illinois; Thomas H. Watkins, of Pennsylvania; Edgar E. Clark, of Iowa, and Edward M. Parker, of this city. The report is to be illustrated, and it will be accompanied by the testimony taken by the Commission, but thus far only the report proper has been printed. This alone covers eighty-seven pages of printed matter.

In brief, the Commission awards a general increase of wages amounting in most cases to 10 per cent; some decrease of time; the settlement of all disputes by arbitration; fixes a minimum wage and a sliding scale; provides against discrimination of persons by either the mine owners or the miners on account of membership or non-membership in a labor union; provides that the awards made shall continue in force until March 31, 1905. The Commission discussed to some extent the matter of recognition or non-recognition of the miners' union, but declined to make any award on this measure.

The Effect of Lawlessness.

Washington, March 21.—Touching the effect of lawlessness, the Commission states that during the continuance of the late strike disorder and lawlessness existed to some extent over the whole region. The Commission says that this lawlessness was incident to the strike. Its record was sustained with riot and bloodshed, culminating in three murders, unprovoked, save by the fact that two of the victims were asserting their right to work, and another, as an officer of the law, was performing his duty. The men who remained at work were threatened and their families terrorized and intimidated. It is also true, and justice requires the statement, that the leaders of the organization which began and consulted the strikers, and notably its president, condemned all violence and exhorted their followers to sobriety and moderation.

Not Favorable to Union.

Washington, March 21.—On the subject of the recognition of the Miners' Union, the Coal Strike Commission says that they do not consider that this subject is within the scope of the jurisdiction conferred on them. They do say, however, that "the suggestion of a working agreement between employers and employees, embodying the doctrine of collective bargaining, is one which the Commission believe contains many hopeful elements for the adjustment of relations."

Further on they say: "The present constitution of the United Mineworkers of America does not present the most inviting inducements to the operators to enter into contractual relations with it." They also pronounce as untenable the contention that "a majority of the employees of an industry by voluntarily associating themselves in a union, acquire authority over those who do not so associate themselves."

The report refers to the hazardous nature of anthracite coal mining, and gives an estimate of the losses occasioned by the strike. These losses are estimated as follows: As to mine owners, \$46,100,000; to the mine employees in wages, \$25,000,000; to the transportation companies, \$28,000,000.

A 20 Per Cent Increase.

New York, March 21.—The miners of the anthracite coal regions affected by the decision of the strike Commission announced today, judging by present prices for coal, will receive an increase close to 20 per cent in wages, the average tide-water price of hard coal at Perth Amboy being about \$5 a ton. Mr. Dickinson, of Dickinson & Eddy, coal agents of the Ontario & Western, said today that the tide-water price of grate coal was \$4.75 and 7½¢ egg, stove and chestnut. This would make the average price of sizes above pea coal almost \$5 and show the miners 9 or 10 per cent in addition to the 10 per cent minimum advance allowed. This calculation is based on the present selling price, which is on the winter basis. This base is usually reduced in the spring, but so far announcement of such reduction has not been made.

Mitchell Well Pleased.

Detroit, Mich., March 21.—The decision of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission in the whole, a decided victory for the miners and I am well pleased with it," said President John Mitchell of the United Mineworkers of America in an interview tonight with an Associated Press representative. In reply to the question as to whether the miners were given as much as had been hoped for, Mitchell answered, after an instant's deliberation, "I do not care to say."

"The most important feature of the award," he continued, "is, of course, the increase of 10 per cent given to the miners." President Mitchell was asked if he was disappointed because the Commission did not recognize the union form-

ally and he replied that he was not, because the decision of the Commission and its awards were in themselves a recognition of the power and influence of the United Mineworkers.

Not Wholly Satisfied.

Scranton, Pa., March 21.—T. D. Nichols, district president of the United Mineworkers of America, is dissatisfied with the report of the Coal Strike Commission. He regards the question of paying the miners by weight as the most important before the Commission, and says their negligence to meet this squarely will greatly detract from the otherwise favorable reception with which the award will be received.

PRES. CASTRO HAS RESIGNED

Dropped the Reins of Government Yesterday

BUT RETAINS THE POWER

Action Was in Accordance With Advice of the Leaders

IN ORDER THAT PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA MAY PRESENT SOLID FRONT TO THE WORLD—OFFICE WILL BE KEPT IN THE FAMILY.

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 21.—President Castro has resigned. He placed his resignation of the Presidency of the Republic of Venezuela in the hands of the President of Congress after the reading of the Presidential message.

In the ordinary course of events, the term of President Castro would have ended February 20, 1908. He was elected President of Venezuela in February of last year for six years beginning on February 20, 1902.

Will Retain the Power.

Washington, March 21.—It was intimated by the Associated Press that, while President Castro nominally gives up the office, it is the intention to keep it within the official family by an arrangement to make Castro Vice-President so he would succeed to the Presidency. Based on the information which has been up to now kept inviolate that the present plan is to allow President Castro to remain out of office for a short time and then re-elect him at the next election. Representations were made to Castro several months ago by the leaders of Venezuela that his resignation would have the effect of enabling the people of that country to present a solid front to the world in the matters in controversy with the several powers.

FIREWATER TO INDIANS

GUST ALSTON, OF ROCK CREEK, UP AGAINST A SERIOUS CHARGE.

DALLAS, Ore., March 21.—(Statesman special)—Yesterday Deputy United States Marshal Jacob Proebstel arrived in Dallas from Rock Creek, having in charge one Gust Alston, arrested on the charge of selling liquor to Indians on the Siletz reservation. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace H. Holman, acting as United States Commissioner, waived examination and the Commissioner held him to appear before the United States District Court for trial in a bond of \$150, which he furnished and was discharged.

HE TURNED FAIR DOWN

GOVERNOR M'BRIDE, OF WASHINGTON, DISAPPROVES THE LEWIS AND CLARK BILL.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 21.—Governor McBride today disapproved of seven appropriation bills, i. e., the Omnibus Road Bill, Beet Sugar Bounty Bill, Coyote Scalp Bounty Bill, Branch Soldiers' Home Bill, a bill for the relief of E. G. Bickerton and Puget Sound-Saw Mill and Shingle Company, and a bill providing for the framing of photographic groups of the Legislatures, and also disapproved the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation and numerous items in the general appropriation bill. The total appropriation of the vetoed bills was \$399,960.12.

INDICTED THE COURTS

KING COUNTY GRAND JURY DETERMINED TO PROSECUTE THE OFFENDERS.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 21.—The grand jury has voted to indict Justice T. H. Cann and Police Judge George Seattle precinct, accused of malfeasance in office in their failure to take steps to suppress gambling and other vices tolerated by the present administration. None of the true bills have yet been returned into court, but all have been placed in the hands of the prosecuting attorney for preparation.

HORSE AND BUGGY STOLEN.

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 23.—John Milne, son of the Hillsboro miller, lost a horse and buggy, which were stolen about 10 o'clock Saturday evening at Cornelius. Milne had driven to Cornelius early in the evening and tied his horse to a hitching post in the business portion of the town, and when he went for his horse about 10 o'clock found it was missing. The buggy was equipped with a fine robe, horse blanket and a whip, and up until last evening no trace had been found, though the sheriff had been keeping the wires hot.

WASHINGTON. The Kind You Have Always Bought
Signature: *Charles H. Fletcher*

FLOOD CRISIS IS NOW OVER

Many Features of Situation Are Quite Hopeful

WATERS ARE RECEDING

And Barge Sent Through Crevasse to Relief of Livestock

STEAMER HUGO ALSO COMMISSIONED TO ENTER FLOODED TERRITORY AND RENDER ASSISTANCE—600 TENTS WANTED FOR SUFFERERS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 21.—Tonight there are many hopeful features in the flood situation in the immediate territory about this city. The gauge shows 39.7 feet, which is a fall of .9 since last night. It is now believed the fall is due to natural conditions. It is believed that the fall will continue without check and that the crisis is past.

President Killough, of the St. Francis Levee Board, today succeeded in sending a large barge through the crevasse at Trice's Landing for the rescue of stock and property at Marion, Ark. The steamer Hugo was despatched to enter the flooded territory and render assistance.

A Request For Tents.

Washington, March 21.—Secretary Root today received telegrams from the Governors of Tennessee and Arkansas for information as to the needs of the people of those states in the matter of tents, etc., in consequence of the river floods. Governor Franzar, of Tennessee, asked for 500 tents and Governor Davis, of Arkansas, for 100.

HAND CAR AND ENGINE COLLIDE.

A hand car loaded with a dozen or more section men collided with an engine at a siding called Stites, one mile

east of Wolf creek, Wednesday evening, about 5 o'clock. The S. P. bridge gang, working near tunnel 8, had boarded a hand car and had started for Wolf Creek. There was a heavy down grade between the tunnel and Stites, and the hand car was going at a high rate of speed when it collided with the engine of the work train which was standing on the main track at the little spur. C. F. Stevens had one of his legs broken, and J. Baker sustained serious injuries, and three or four others on the car were thrown some distance and badly bruised. Stevens was taken on the evening train to the hospital at Portland. Just how the collision took place is not known.—Ashland Tidings.

TOOK AN APPEAL

BROWN & WRIGHTMAN WILL NOT ABIDE BY CIRCUIT COURT DECISION.

A notice of appeal was yesterday filed in Department No. 2, of the state circuit court for Marion county, by J. N. Brown and F. T. Wrightman, claimants in the case of Tilmon Ford, executor, plaintiff, vs. A. T. Gilbert et al., defendants, the appeal being taken from an order made by Judge R. P. Bolse, on September 29, 1902, rejecting and disallowing a claim of \$5,496.09, filed by the claimants. The claim filed was for legal services rendered to A. T. Gilbert, one of the defendants, and the court made an order rejecting and disallowing the claim, but allowing the claimants, instead, as compensation for such services rendered, to retain in their possession certain notes, amounting to \$438.67, which notes were delivered to them by the defendant, A. T. Gilbert.

From this order the claimants now appeal to the Supreme Court.

WANTS A MATE

A China pheasant rooster that has been hibernating in the fields back of the S. P. roundhouse at Ashland has been fed and befriended by the employees until he has become a regular pet and so tame that he permits the boys to pick him up and smooth his bright plumage. The apparent loneliness of the bird has touched a responsive chord in the breasts of the tender-hearted railroad men and they have taken steps through Deputy Game Warden W. G. Kropke, to secure a mate for the royal fowl, and to this end Mr. Kropke is in correspondence with parties who are expected to be able to furnish the desired companion.—Ashland Tidings.

So strong is Bank of England note paper that a single sheet will lift a weight of 400 pounds.

THE SAPPINGFIELD WILL

FILED IN PROBATE COURT AND CITATIONS ISSUED TO THE HEIRS.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Charles Sappingfield yesterday filed a petition in the Marion county probate court for the probating of the last will and testament of his father, the late John Sappingfield. The probable value of the estate is given at \$5,000. The court made an order that citation be issued to Amanda King and Henry A. Sappingfield, heirs at law, and who were also witnesses to the will, citing them to appear in the court on March 21, 1903, and show cause, if any, why the said will should not be admitted to probate. By the terms of the will all the property belonging to the estate is bequeathed Mary Sappingfield, widow of deceased, to be used by her during her natural life, and at her death the property is to be sold and converted into cash, the amount of the proceeds to be divided equally among the following heirs: George, William, John W., Henry E., and Gus, Sappingfield, sons; and Amanda King, daughter, except that amounts heretofore advanced shall be deducted from the respective heirs and the same divided equally among the remaining heirs as follows: George Sappingfield, \$2,400; Amanda King, \$600; John W. Sappingfield \$1,300. William and Charles Sappingfield are named in the will as executors.

To Pay the Claims.

Joseph Kirkpatrick, administrator of the estate of J. W. Kirkpatrick, deceased, petitioned the court for an order authorizing and directing him to sell at private sale certain property belonging to the estate. The prayer of the petitioner was granted, and he was ordered by the court to apply the proceeds of such sale in the payment of claims held against the estate.

To Sell Real Property.

An order was made by the court empowering E. T. Smith, administrator of the estate of J. Mc Smith, deceased, to carry out a former order of the court, made on the 20th day of October, 1901, authorizing and directing the said administrator to sell at public or private sale 160 acres of land, situated in township 7 south, range 2 east, Marion county, Oregon, belonging to the estate.

Bond Was Approved.

Henry Keene, the recently appointed administrator of the estate of Nels S. Brown, deceased, filed his bond in the sum of \$1500, and the same was approved by the court.

DENY THE STATEMENT

Three students of Coburg schools each while the Register a separate letter denying that three boys held the son of J. H. Tillman of that place in the cold waters of the McKenzie until his legs were so badly paralyzed that rheumatism set in, and one leg had to be amputated. They say that during internment at school the Tillman boy frequently waded in the mill race and also in the public road where the mud and water was five and six inches deep. They deplore the condition of the little fellow but assert, with positiveness, that, the fault is all his own.—Eugene Register.

WANTS A MILL

Scio makes the following proposition: The citizens of Scio, and vicinity are now ready and willing to donate a liberal cash subscription to any company that is willing to erect and operate a sawmilling plant that will employ not less than 200 men at or near the city of Scio. It is needless to say that in this vicinity can be secured the finest body of timber on the coast, as that fact is already known to mill men. Two streams, Thomas and Crabtree creeks afford the best advantages for driving logs. Thomas creek, which flows through the city of Scio, runs through a wealth of timber that is unsurpassed anywhere. A splendid site can be secured for the mill.—Albany Democrat.

HOW EUGENE IS GROWING

We presume it's generally known that Eugene has taken a second growth and has expanded so to speak by spreading her wings as a hen across her chicks, and taken in Fairmount and College Hill, and adding thereby some two miles of territory and more than 800 inhabitants, together with some half a hundred thousand dollars worth of property. Well, 'tis so, and Eugene is entitled to put on additional city airs being her size is some three miles long by two wide and contains between 5000, and 6000 inhabitants. Hard work, push and enterprise are characteristic of her people, as her schools, churches, streets, sidewalks, mills, factories, brick blocks stores hotels and residences will show. The sound of the builder's tools are heard from morning till night, and has for the last two years in every quarter of the town; new structures are seen everywhere. Many bricks have gone up and many are in course of construction. The theatre building that is under way on the west side of Willamette between Sixth and Seventh streets is to cost some \$35,000 and is to be 100 feet front by 160 back and three stories in height.—Eugene Register.

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