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# Great Victory For Miners

## Wages Are Increased And Hours Reduced

### Award Shall Continue In Force Until March 31, 1906

### Condemns Operators For Not Agreeing to Arbitration When Concessions Were First Refused

Washington, March 21.—The report of the anthracite commission is published this morning. It provides in general for an increase of 10 per cent in the rate of wages paid to contract miners, a reduction in hours per day for other mine workers. The water bolting engineers will work hereafter eight-hour shifts, with a 10 per cent increase where they have been working heretofore in such shifts. Other engineers and pumpmen get a five per cent increase. Firemen get eight-hour shifts only, without any increase. Other mine workers are to be paid the same wages on a basis of a nine-hour day that they have been receiving for 10 hours' service. A board of conciliation is provided to settle disputes arising out of any interpretation or application of the commission's awards, and consists of three selected by the operators and three by the miners' organizations, an umpire to be chosen in case of disagreement by one of the circuit judges of the third judicial district. No strikes or lock-outs are to take place while such adjudication is pending. The commission declines to recognize the United Mine Workers of America, as such, by compelling the operators to enter into an agreement with the organization, but modifies this in the manner above stated; and by providing that the organization shall have a hand in the machinery whereby the findings of the commission shall be put into effect. The third demand of the miners that the coal be paid for by weight, wherever practicable, was refused, the commission refusing to make an obligatory decision. It declined to fix the standard ton, where coal is paid for by weight, and from imposing on the owners of collieries, where coal is now mined by the car, any obligation to pay by weight, and make the change necessary therefor. A check weighman shall be employed when requested by a majority of the contract

miners, their wages to be paid by the miners. A sliding scale of wages is provided, whereby the miners may increase their earnings, according to the increase in the market price of coal, above rates awarded being in all cases the minimum. There will be no discrimination against any workman because of his membership or non-membership in labor organizations, nor shall there be interference by union men with non-unionists. The awards shall continue in force until March 31, 1906. Particular stress is laid on the fact that the findings are unanimous. The entire report requires 87 printed pages, 50,000 words. One chapter in review deals with the losses occasioned by the strike, which aggregate approximately \$100,000,000. A amount of increase under the award due for work done between November 1 1902, and April 1, 1903, is dealt with in a separate clause, which provides that it shall be paid on or before June 1, 1903.

One interesting chapter in the summary is that in the conditions of life, the commission finds that the contention is not fully justified that the wages paid are insufficient to maintain the American standard of living. During the last 20 years there has been a steady improvement in the miners' homes. The social conditions are good, and the percentage of churches above the average. The wages of the anthracite miners are not lower than those paid the bituminous miners, and the average daily rate of earnings compares favorably with other industries requiring equal skill and training. The annual earning of the contract miner is between \$550 and \$600 a year. Mining should, however, be classed as a dangerous industry, ranking with the most hazardous. Regarding lawlessness, it says the governor was justified in calling out the troops, but that the mine workers in that region are, as a whole, well dis-

posed and good citizens. It characterizes the boycott as immaterial, anti-social, cruel and cowardly, where applied to defenseless women and children. It says the blacklist is equally bad, and should be frowned down by honorable men. It condemns the practice of employing deputies, upon request, and at the expense of employers. It irritates the men, secures the services of unprincipled men, and is against the doctrine that the county and state officers are abundantly able to preserve peace, and protect property. The employment of coal and iron police is unwise. The commission can't see any way to recommend compulsory arbitration. It does believe, however, the state and federal governments should provide machinery for what may be called compulsory investigation of controversies when they arise. Inferentially it condemns the operators for not agreeing to arbitration when they first decided they could see no way to make concessions.

## REAL ESTATE MEN KICK

### Immigration Agents Demand Half the Commission

### Claim if Agents are Not Paid by Railroad they Should Be

Albany Herald, March 21st: Several Harriman immigration agents, and others in the employ of transcontinental railroad companies are attempting to work a "skin" game on the Oregon real estate men, and on intending settlers. Several months ago the citizens of Albany entertained a number of the Harriman agents, and at the meeting a committee was appointed to collect funds and publish 75,000 copies of a pamphlet describing Linn county. The money, about \$800, was paid by Linn county people, and the books were to be distributed free of charge by the Harriman immigration agents in the East. Both parties to the contract have complied with it, so far as known, but now the immigration agents, who are paid a regular salary by the railroad companies, demand one-half of all commissions collected by the real estate men, or threaten to place the intending settlers in other towns. A few weeks ago a real estate exchange was organized in this city through the efforts of the same immigration agents, and it now transpires that their motive in perfecting that organization was to centralize the real estate business, so that it would be easier to deal with one central body in collecting their part of the commission, instead of watching a number of firms.

Whether the railroad company is a partner to this scheme is unknown, but we think not. The transportation lines have received fare from the intending settlers, and when they locate on their lines they pay daily tribute to the same companies. If the railroad companies should now attempt to exact additional money from the settlers and real estate men it would be just cause for retaliation. The immigration agents have also requested the real estate men to raise the price of land listed, so as to cover their commissions. The Albany real estate men will resent this undue interference in their business, and will take up the matter with the head officials of the Harriman lines.

Seven Were Drowned. New London, Conn., March 21.—No more bodies have been found, but it is believed one other waiter was drowned, however, as he is missing, making a total of seven. The steamer Plymouth is damaged to the amount of \$40,000.

## CLARA BARTON DEPOSED

### Trustees of American Red Cross Society So Decide

### Rear Admiral Van Reypen Succeeds Her

Washington, March 21.—The board of trustees of the American Red Cross Society yesterday decided to depose Clara Barton from the active association, and appoint Rear-Admiral Van Reypen, surgeon-general of the navy, her successor. Miss Barton will be given the office of honorary president for life. It is announced that this action was taken to restore harmony in the ranks of the association.

### Rather Faint Praise.

Indianapolis, March 21.—The official journal of the Mine Workers today says on the whole the decision of the anthracite commission is pleasing. It says a practical recognition of the Union is made.

## MINERS ARE WELL PLEASED

### Think the Decision Bears out Their Contentions

### Miners Union is Practically Given Recognition

Shamokin, Pa., March 21.—The miners are enthusiastic, and are cheering for Mitchell and the commission. They are planning for a big celebration.

Detroit, March 21.—Mitchell today declined to discuss the findings, until he has gone over them thoroughly. His manner indicated that he was highly pleased.

Scranton, Pa., March 21.—The miners here are well pleased, and are loud in their praises of Mitchell.

## Flood Crest At Vicksburg

Memphis, March 21.—The river is beginning to fall. The danger line is now between here and Vicksburg, where the strain will last for 48 hours yet.

## Against Strikers

Redding, March 21.—Redding business men met last night and resolved to stand solidly against the strikers in their fight against the Mountain Copper Company. The smelter is working steadily, gathering more new men every day. The second furnace was blown in Monday.

Good If They Don't Like It. New York, March 21.—The presidents of the coal-carrying railroads decline to discuss the finding of the commission, but appear to be displeased.

Opened the Bank. Bardwell, Ky., March 21.—Robbers dynamited the Deposit Bank vault this morning, securing \$5000. The charge was so strong that it destroyed \$2500 in currency.

Case Submitted Today. St. Louis, March 21.—The injunction cases against the Northern Securities merger will probably be submitted to the court this evening. Special Counsel for the Government Watson resumed his argument this morning. He is the last attorney to address the court.

## THE ONLY JADE IN OREGON

### The Kind Jewelry is Made From is Found

### Josephine County Has Some Very Fine Varieties

Harry Wood, manager of the company which has taken up the claims of the rare stone jade, recently discovered on Althouse and Indian creeks, Southern Josephine county, was in Grants Pass yesterday, from the scene of the late discovery. Mr. Wood stated that they have jade in great quantity in their claims on Indian creek. He brought in a number of samples of the stone with him. There are three different shades of the stone in the mine. These vary from a dark blue and green to a transparent white. All are of the best quality of jade.

There are several influential California men who to have taken up the jade claims and will develop and work them for commercial purposes. Mr. Wood states that there is a vast ledge of the stone cut directly in twain by Indian creek, and that the water of the stream is colored blue by flowing over the stone, and by seepage from the ledge. They are confident there is an unlimited amount of the stone in the discovery. It seems remarkable that the mineral should have gone so long unfound.

Of intense interest. Washington, March 21.—Bonif Castellane and wife called on Roosevelt this afternoon.

## REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

### Meets Today at the City Police Court

### Fixing Dates for Primaries and Convention

The Marion county Republican central committee was convened at the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Chairman W. J. Culver presided at the meeting, with R. A. Crossman as secretary. The purposes of the meeting of the committee are to fix the dates for holding the primaries and the county convention, also the apportioning of the delegates of which the convention will be composed. There is a good representation of the members of the committee in attendance.

Five Are Drowned. Philadelphia, March 21.—In a collision between a tug and the pilot steamer Winifred, in Delaware Bay, off Marcus Hook, last night, five members of the tug's crew were drowned. The tug sank immediately.

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