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OKLAHOMA THE NEW STATE

Senate Committee Acts Favor-
ably on Bill Adding One
Star to Flag.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
BEFORE THE SENATORS

House Passes \$50,000 Appro-
priation Bill for Strike Com-
mission's Expenses.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION IN MINE
STRIKE DECLARED TO BE ONE
OF THE "BOLDEST ACTS" IN THE
HISTORY OF THE EXECUTIVE.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The sen-
ate committee on territories has
agreed to report a bill for the ad-
mission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory
as one state under the name of Okla-
homa. New Mexico and Arizona are
not in the bill.

When the senate met today Mr. Nel-
son of Minnesota from the committee
on territories reported a substitute for
the bill providing for the admission of
certain territories into the union, and
recommending the admission of Okla-
homa and Indian Territory as one state
under the name of Oklahoma.

Mr. Penrose moved to take up the
immigration bill. Mr. Quay wanted it
distinctly understood that nothing was
to come up that would conflict with the
bill admitting new states.

President pro tem Frye held that the
bill would come up as an unfinished busi-
ness, until disposed of by the vote of
the senate.

The senate then began consideration
of the house immigration bill. After a
short discussion of the bill, the senate
adopted resolutions of regret on the
death of Representative R.E. Degraf-

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fenfield and John L. Sheppard of Texas
and at 1:30 p. m. adjourned until to-
morrow.

Washington, Dec. 3.—When the
house met today the speaker an-
nounced the appointment of Mr. Shep-
herd (democrat) of Texas, a member
of the committee on public buildings
and grounds.

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the ap-
propriation committee having charge
of the bill to defray the expenses of
the anthracite coal strike commission,
which was made an order for today,
having been detained in his committee
room, a recess was taken for 10 min-
utes to await his coming.

When the house reconvened the
speaker announced the appointment of
the following committees:

To visit the naval academy—Messrs.
Watson of Indiana, Adams of Penn-
sylvania and Clark of Missouri.

To visit the military academy—
Messrs. Hull of Iowa, Steele of Indi-
ana and DeArmond of Missouri.

The house then went into committee
of the whole (Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio
in the chair) and took up the consid-
eration of the coal strike commission
bill. Before the discussion began Mr.

Gaines of Tennessee stated that he
desired to offer an amendment. The
chair having ruled that amendments
were not in order at this time, Mr.
Cannon, in charge, agreed that the
amendment should be read for infor-
mation. It proved to be an amend-
ment to place anthracite coal on the
free list.

Mr. Benton of Missouri, a member
of the appropriations committee, to
whom Mr. Cannon yielded, declared
that he could not support the bill. The
president, he said, had no legal au-
thority for the creation of the com-
mission. His second objection was
that it placed \$50,000 in the presi-
dent's hands without any limitation
whatever.

Mr. Livingston of Georgia and Mr.
Underwood of Alabama supported the
bill, although they agreed that the
president's action was irregular.

Mr. Bailey of Georgia said the
president had acted patriotically.

Mr. Cochran of Missouri, Mr. Feeley
of Illinois, Mr. Gaines of Tennessee
and Mr. Maddox of Georgia endorsed
the action of the president.

Mr. Hemenway of Indiana and Mr.
Lacey of Iowa warmly defended the
course of the president. The latter
classified it as one of the "boldest" acts
in the history of the executive.

The coal strike commission bill was
passed without division, and at 2:35
p. m. the house adjourned until Fri-
day.

Work on the appropriation bills has
begun. Two of the sub-committees of
the appropriation were in session
early today, one in charge of the ex-
ecutive and judicial appropriation bill,
the other in charge of the pension
bill. Mr. Putnam, chairman of con-
gress, appeared before the former and
the commissioner of pensions was be-
fore the other.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Lodge,
as chairman of the senate committee
on the Philippines, introduced a bill
for the redemption of the currency of
the Philippines islands. The bill pro-
vides that the currency of the United
States shall be legal tender in the
islands, and makes the gold dollar the
unit of value, but it authorizes a sil-
ver peso of 40 grains, which is to be
paid in sums of less than 100 pesos
when demanded. The peso is also to
be received for all duties to the islands
unless specific legal provision is made
to the contrary. The Philippine gov-
ernment is authorized to take such
measures as it considers necessary to
maintain the parity of the peso with
the currency of the United States at
the rate of two pesos for one dollar.
Authority is also given for the issu-
ance of certificates in the peso. The
Mexican and Spanish pesos are to go
out of existence by the first of De-
cember, 1903, meanwhile their value is
to be fixed by proclamation by the
government of the Philippines.

ELECTION OF FIELD OFFICERS

Practically Certain that Captain Ched-
ester Will Be Chosen Major.

Captain Lindsey of the Blue Ridge
Rifles left Asheville yesterday morn-
ing for Statesville. Capt. Lindsey car-
ried with him the proxies of the offi-
cers of the two Asheville military or-
ganizations for the election of field of-
ficers.

From the statements made by the
officers of the Asheville companies it
is practically an assured thing that
the new major of the Third battalion will
be Capt. H. C. Chedester.

If the election turns out as predic-
ted, Asheville will have the honor of
having the major of the Third bat-
talion. There is considerable interest
in regard to the matter at present
among the members and friends of the
two companies.

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THE PAY THAT MINERS GET

Employees of the Mines Tes-
tify Before Strike Com-
mission.

MOST OF THEIR WAGES
GOES TO COMPANY'S STORES

Mitchell Again on the Witness
Stand— Explanation by
Judge Gray.

STILL ENTERTAINS THE HOPE
THAT EFFORTS TO REACH AN
AGREEMENT WILL SOON END
THE CONTROVERSY.

Seranton, Dec. 3.—After an adjourn-
ment of ten days, during which days
the representatives of the railroads and
miners were kept busy at work pre-
paring evidence for submission to the
anthracite coal strike commission, the
hearing of the miners' side of the con-
troversy was resumed in the state
superior court room at 10 o'clock this
morning. The usual large crowd was
in attendance, and in addition there
were several new faces among the
large array of attorneys. The most
prominent among these was Sam Dick-
son of Philadelphia, representing the
Lehigh Coal and Navigation com-
pany, a large independent company,
whose collieries are all located in the
Panther Creek valley. Among the
spectators were twenty Italians and
Poles who will be called upon to
tell the conditions prevailing in the
middle or Hazelton region. Before
the hearings began the commissioners
held a brief conference, which de-
layed the opening of the public hear-
ing about ten minutes.

In opening the day's proceedings
Chairman Gray made an explanation
of the commission's attitude regard-
ing the efforts for settlement. He said
there had been a misunderstanding in
some quarters. The idea had gone
out that the whole matter would be
dismissed if an agreement was
reached. This, he said, was incorrect.
He read a statement made by the
sub-committee in which it was stated
that the committee would not abrogate
its duties and that it would stand re-
sponsible for any agreement it ap-
proved or award it made. The chair-
man also added that the commission
wished to say that parties to the
controversy may not withdraw with-
out the consent of the other parties
before the commission.

"We would be glad to have every-
body represented and have the whole
field covered," he said.

Mr. Dickson announced that in ad-
dition to representing the Lehigh Coal
and Navigation company, he appeared
for the individual concerns in the
Hazelton region.

On the outside agreement proposi-
tion Chairman Gray announced that
the commission "still entertained the
hope that efforts to agree would con-
tinue and the commission would glad-
ly lend its good offices to that end."

Judge Gray said that until some
common sense agreement was reached
as to the presentation of the figures
on expectation of life, the commission
would be unable to reach an end to
the controversy.

President Mitchell was called to the
stand and in answer to questions by
his counsel said that 20 per cent. in-
crease in wages would increase the
labor cost less than 10 cents a ton.
Taking President Baer's statement as
a basis, he said the increase would be
about 17 cents.

He was cross-examined by Wayne
MacVeagh and other attorneys. In
the reply to a question Mr. Mitchell
said the companies were not averse to
increasing the wages of the men, but
did not do so because they were op-
posed to the union.

Two photographers were sworn,
who presented photographs of mine
workers' home in the Hazelton re-
gion.

W. H. Deterry, president of a local
union, employed as a miner by Cox
Brothers & Co., Grafton, said this
company's men were paid an average
of 6.7 cars a week and all contract
miners are required to be in the mines
from 7 a. m. until 3 p. m., regard-
less of whether they have enough cars
to fill with coal they had mined. He
said a black list exists at the Cox
mines and that he was on it for nine

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months because he refused to work a
breast which netted him only three
dollars a week. He also complained
of the docking system.

At the afternoon session miners
testified to wages received. One miner
who worked ten hours a day for two
weeks said all the wages he took home
to his wife and seven children was
\$3.20, the company stores getting all
but that, with which he was supposed
to pay rent and buy clothing. Mike
Midley, a veteran miner, said \$18.75 for
two weeks' work was the largest he
had ever received. Mary Boland, the
wife of a miner, said her husband
scarcely ever brought home more than
\$3 for two weeks' work, the company
stores getting the balance. She said
her small children were forced to
work in order to be able to meet the
family expenses. She had not had a
new dress in seven years. Other wit-
nesses testified that "fire fighters" and
laborers were paid only 85 cents a day
for the severest kind of work, which
was generally dangerous. The testi-
mony showed that asthma prevailed
among the miners and that many were
forced to leave because of sickness
contracted in the mines.

SHOT BY A NEGRO YESTERDAY MORNING

Details of the Affair Not Easily Ob-
tained.

A Mr. Sharp, who lives five miles
from Asheville on the French Broad
river, was shot in the leg by an un-
known negro yesterday morning.

Information concerning the shooting
was hard to obtain. According to
the most reliable report, it seems that
Mr. Sharp was shot while ordering
two hunters off his farm. The owner
of the land was talking to the two
trespassers, who were negroes, when
a rabbit jumped up close to the
group. One of the hunters drew his
gun and fired, the shot taking effect in
Mr. Sharp's leg. The wound in
Sharp's leg is a painful one.

Whether the negro intended shoot-
ing Sharp or the rabbit is a matter of
conjecture.

SPANISH PREMIER RESIGNS HIS POST

Sagasta Refuses to Serve Longer Af-
ter Cortes Censured Cabinet.

Madrid, Dec. 3.—Premier Sagasta
has resigned owing to the cabinet de-
feat in the chamber of deputies yester-
day by the adoption of a motion of
censure on the minister of marine for
awarding the contract for the con-
struction of two training ships without
obtaining the consent of the cortes.

Senor Sagasta had an audience with
King Alfonso this morning, at which
he presented his resignation and in-
timated that the step was irrevocable.
He informed the king that the opposi-
tion had treated him with distrust and
disrespect, which he did not deserve.
His majesty will not decide on the
course he will pursue until tomorrow.

A FREIGHT WRECK

Delayed Traffic Several Hours Near
Campobella.

There was a freight wreck on the
Southern yesterday near Campobella
that blocked traffic for several
hours.

Ten freight cars were derailed while
running over a rough roadbed about
18 miles from Spartanburg. No se-
rious injuries to the train crew have
been reported.

The passenger trains from Spartan-
burg were unable to come through as
far as Asheville. A transfer of pas-
sengers was necessary at the point of
the wreck. Train No. 9 from Spar-
tanburg was delayed over two hours.

Important Engagements

Should always be kept to the
minute. Such an opportunity to
get a high grade watch at cost
prices should not be overlooked.

Waltham, 18 Size

Vanguard, 21 jewels... \$25.00
Crescent St., 21 jewels... 20.00
A. T. & Co., premier, 17
jewels... 18.50
16 size Riverside, 17 jewels. 20.50

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STEAMSHIP IN SEA OF FIRE

Twelve Men Dead and a Score
Injured by Exploding
Oil.

THE STEAMER PROGRESSO
WAS UNDERGOING CHANGES

Oil Tanks that Replaced Coal
Bunkers Blew Up, and Ship
Broke in Two.

MANY MECHANICS WERE EN-
GAGED IN WORK IN THE HOLD
AND ON THE DECKS OF THE
VESSEL.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—By the ex-
plosion of the steamer Progresso as
she lay at her wharf at the Fulton
iron works at Harbor View today a
dozen men lost their lives, a score were
injured and property valued at over
\$200,000 was destroyed.

The disaster occurred while forty
mechanics of the iron works and twenty
employees of the ship were on board.
Below decks mechanics were busy com-
pleting the work of converting the ves-
sel from a coal burning coal carrier to
an oil burning oil carrier, when sud-
denly with a great booming sound the
oil tanks blew up.

The men were hurled against the steel
walls and a sheet of flame came
sweeping into their faces.

On the upper deck men were hurled
into the air or thrown into the water.
Following the explosion the ship
sagged in the center, showing she had
broken in two. A stream of burning
oil running from the tanks spread out
until the ship lay on waves of fire.

The victims include First Assistant
Engineer Sparks. The cause of the ex-
plosion is a mystery.

BREAD AND BREAD MAKING.
Prof. Wiley, of the Agricultural De-
partment at Washington, in an article
on "Bread and Bread Making," says
"the nutritive value of wheat flour de-
pends largely upon the character of the
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