

DEEP AND STILL.

President Roosevelt's Estimate of John Mitchell.

John Mitchell is the man of the hour. It is conceded by press and public that he has just won a notable victory. I wish to tell you something of Mitchell as man and labor leader. In some respects he is not a promising subject of study. It is too much like studying a well. "How deep and still he is," exclaimed President Roosevelt to a friend the other day, just after Mr. Mitchell walked out of the president's room.

"Deep and still" tells the story of Mitchell's character. He thinks a thousand times more than he talks. He is none of those men who have to run and cackle every time they think a new thought. Yet he talks well when he talks at all. Nor is he averse to conversation with his friends. It all depends upon his moods. Once I took a walk with him for half an hour. He uttered not more than a dozen words in that time. He was thinking out things—thinking about the strike. Again I rode with him for several hours on a train. He talked about the strike the whole journey. For nearly six months he has had scarcely a thought that did not relate to his battle for his people. He has read nothing in newspapers except dispatches and articles about the strike. There are many magazines and reviews lying about upon the tables in his rooms, kept open at the places where they have been opened before, and you will find that very one contains something about the deadlock between the coal trust and the miners.

Come to think of it, this power of concentration is found in every man that has ever done very much in the world. Mitchell has it to a marked degree. His battle is on his mind wherever he goes—when he falls asleep—in his dreams; when he awakes; and it never goes away for a single moment, even when he is asleep again.

One would think such constant concentration of mind would wear him out, numb the fiber of his brain, transform him into a monomaniac, or at least destroy his sense of proportion. But it is not so. The more he works on his strike the more perfect do his mental faculties appear to operate. He is like the athlete who becomes more proficient with steady training, or the skilled workmen of these days of refined specialization, who does only one piece of work year in and year out, and does it easily and perfectly.

As for nerves, were it not for one thing, you would never know that Mitchell has them. He smokes 15 or 20 cigarettes a day or partly smokes and chews and mouths them, occasionally relighting, but as a rule not knowing whether they are lit or not. This one sign of nerves is the only one you detect in him. In all other respects one would think he was articulated with steel wires.

Mitchell not only has the power of concentration, but the power of silence. He is one of the few men in this world who have such control over their tongues that he almost never has occasion to regret a word spoken by himself. Hundreds of newspaper men can testify to the impenetrability of his silence when he does not want to speak. He makes no "breaks." He cannot be trapped or tricked or cross-questioned into expression. Everything he tells is told deliberately and with a purpose. His secrets do not come from him through vanity or good nature, or any other of the weaknesses which are the stock in trade of newspaper puffers in extrajudicial information from the common run of men.

When Mitchell does talk he talks well. He has his Irish ancestors' gift of speech when he wants to use it. Except from the tell-tale pronunciation of a word now and then—say one or two a day—you would never suspect that he is Irish. But he is. His parents came from Dublin. They were Presbyterians. He was born at Braidwood, Ill., where he has lived all his life. He is 34 years old, and he has worked 15 years in the mines. He has had little chance to secure an education, but has always been a great reader of newspapers. In many ways he is simple minded as a child, but it would be a bold liar who could lie to him while confronted with that bright, steady gaze. I have never met much store by the poetical method of reading character in the eyes, or the nose, or the chin. But in Mitchell's case the eyes do clearly mean something. They are about the steadiest and deepest you ever saw.

Work, work for the miners. This is the only religion to Mr. Mitchell. He is very much in the habit of taking his mission seriously. There is in him none of that flippancy and half sincerity we too often find in men who chance to rise to the head of movements like this. But there is no cant or pretense about it. He has no other "uplifting" in the people, or "my cause." He practices no rhetorical tricks, designed to snare the approval of others, or tickle his own vanity.

At any rate Mitchell has nearly broken his health by his long vigil. He does not eat enough to keep a lusty baby going. His sleep is far less than that of a newspaper writer. Physically he is now entirely fatigued after the long storm. But in wool and nerves he seems absolutely unshaken. This long struggle he has had to carry on almost alone. His three district presidents are clever, faithful men, but the direction of a great strike is after all a one-man job. It is like a military campaign; there are plenty of men, but there is only one man. This man makes the success or the failure. His secrets he has to keep to himself. His fears he has no one to share with. Alone, as one of the big army, watchful, working, planning, thinking day and night, he has gone through the long struggle with not an error. If he has blundered anywhere I have not heard anyone point it out. It is a rare, almost an unknown thing, in the history of great strikes to see the responsible leader going through from start to finish without a single mistake that anyone could remember, and people's memories as to such things are very keen.

Pitted against him the great corporations, hundreds of millions of money, the best talent money can buy, trained men of business and shrewd lawyers, and yet all the blundering has been on the other side.

He has held his own men in line without a break. He has helped to feed them and their families. He had to go against treachery, bribery, cowardice, revolt. So well has he done and so perfectly has he played his part that he is the idol of the coal region people. He has won them by his solid worth—not by posing or bragging.

Above all things, he has to keep public opinion with him, for the support of the public is the labor leader's capital. From the beginning of the strike to the closing days the public has been with him, and never more so than now. True, he has been fortunate in his opponents. Buer was his best advocate. And at the White House conference the whole crowd of coal trustees did their best to make Mitchell a national hero. But have you ever heard Mitchell

manner, or exhibiting any spirit likely to alienate the support of the American people?

Tried in every way, in battle and in council, in brains and deportment, he has moved steadily along without one false step. He has done his work without self-seeking, without having his head turned in the slightest degree by the height which he has attained.

He is "John" to all his friends and followers. He is careless about his dress and loves to sit in his office in his shirt sleeves. His head is not swollen and never was.

A man with less vanity I have rarely

seen. He does not appear to be aware that he is one of the central figures of the national stage at this time. When some one mentioned him for governor of Illinois he took it as a joke. When people come to him and tell him what a great victory he has won, he returns his thanks. He is not thinking of himself, but of his next move. Today, before his convention has been held, he is planning how to get his case most forcibly before the arbitration tribunal. Offers come pouring in to write books and magazine articles and to deliver lectures, but he has no time for such things. He has work to do.

Great as the strain has been, it has not affected his marvelous self-containment, self-mastery. No situation or shock ever startled him into a flurry. His poise and balance are equal to all emergencies. At the White House conference he bore the taunts of Buer and others with unruffled mind. His calm deliberateness under all circumstances, no matter how trying, is quite extraordinary.

Though not educated in the schools, his ability to write terse, clear English,

has been well demonstrated in many of his letters and statements. His dispatch of yesterday to President Roosevelt is regarded as a masterpiece. I heard him dictating part of this telegram, walking to and fro as he did so, and he was not many hours in completing his task. He writes well, for the simple reason that he thinks well.

When one stands close to a man who carries on a great battle, you expect now and then to find him turning sharp corners, dealing in half-truths, or playing his game with art, as well as with forcefulness. But Mitchell is not that sort of a general. He knows little or nothing of strategy. His methods are all simple, direct. He plays his cards openly. He does not know how to lie, and detests a man who does. He despises trickery, insincerity, smartness. Never was greater blunder made by mortal man than that of the coal companies' presidents when they suspected Mitchell of an act of bad faith with them, and resolved to crush him. Tremendous consequences followed from that seemingly small error. The

company managers simply did not know their man, and never took the trouble to find out about him. This was their first blunder, and they added a hundred more in an effort to stand by it.

Without doubt John Mitchell is the greatest labor leader this country ever saw. He is great because he is honest, able, sincere, conservative. He is not a labor leader who is happiest when trouble is on. Strikes he abhors. He justifies the strike only as a last resort for the remedy of intolerable evils. His ideal, toward which he labors steadily, is reciprocal, scientific, mutually advantageous relations between labor and capital.

Senator Hanna was right when he said: "Instead of fighting Mitchell the anthracite people ought to thank their lucky stars they have him to reckon with in the end. They could well afford to spend \$1,000,000 to keep him where he is instead of trying to destroy him and bringing a radical and trouble-maker to the front to take his place."—Walter Wellman in Chicago Record-Herald.

The Best Remedy for Croup.

[From the Atchison, Kan., Daily Globe.] This is the season when the woman knows the best remedies for croup in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whoop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost as sure to be lost, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lost in case of burglars. There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for croup, known as hive syrup and kola, but some modern mothers say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

Buyers of Royal Bread are protected by this label.

Worm Destroyer. White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Z. C. M. I. Disp. Dept.

PEERLESS... BUTTER. Took 1st prize and the gold medal at the State Fair. We knew it was the best before that event. May be you didn't. Get her and find out. RAY & SONS., 9-11-13 5d West, opp. O. S. L. Depot, south.

MORE THAN USUALLY ATTRACTIVE VALUES MARK THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS.

A TREMENDOUS UNDERPRICED OFFERING OF STYLISH BLACK AND COLORED WOOL

DRESS GOODS LINEN SALE!

A most extraordinary Slaughter of SUPERB IMPORTED DRESS FABRICS

at the Height of the Dress-making Season.

2500 Yards of Strictly New, Black and Colored, Up-to-date Materials in Waist or Skirt Patterns and Full Dress Lengths. All in the very newest weaves for Fall and Winter Gowns, were secured by us at less than half price.

Cash was the important factor that consummated this big dress goods deal and you will secure the same big price-advantage by buying a single pattern.

The collection includes only fine all-wool, dependable dress fabrics, sold at the same price usually asked for inferior cotton mixtures. Strong, durable, stylish, made by the best foreign manufacturers, in the very newest weaves and colors of the season, and the purchase is divided into three big lots as follows:

Lot No. 1.

Contains a vast assortment of homespun mixtures, corded silk and wool novelties, self striped wool suitings, shark skin, melrose cloths, black and white pin head suitings, granites, black figured etamines, etc., etc., all pure wool. 42 and 44 inches in width, and worth up to \$1.50 per yard.

SPECIAL PRICE,

65 cts Per Yard.

Lot No. 2.

Contains a big variety of all wool chevots, knickerbocker mixtures, corded etamines, French noppo suitings, striped novelty chevots, English venetians, serges, checked Scotch mixtures, Eolennes, zibelines, wide wale diagonal serges, basket, twine cloth, black figured silk and wool novelties, black panne etamines, London twine, and dozens of other high grade fabrics in widths from 44 to 56 inches and worth up to \$2.25 per yard.

SPECIAL PRICE,

\$1.00 Per Yard.

Lot No. 3.

Contains the choicest patterns and richest collection of black crapes, black wool zibelines, novelty weave wool canvas, silk and wool French noppo suitings, soft silky zibelines, knickerbocker, two-tone suitings, fancy hopsackings, snow-flakes, Victoria cloths, diagonals, mixed yarn suitings, basket cloths, camel hair, English mixtures, etc., etc., in widths from 46 to 56 inches and worth up to \$3.50 per yard.

SPECIAL PRICE,

\$1.25 Per Yard.

POSITIVELY NO SAMPLES AND NO EXCHANGES.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Wool Waistings...

48c

2,000 yards is a great purchase of fine wool waistings, but when bought at less than the cost of production it puts us in possession of an unusually attractive and startling waisting bargain. It is a sale that will attract a host of buyers and the waistings contained in this lot are cable cord all wool waistings, silk striped and figured albatross waistings, figured French flannels, and a large variety of fancy corded striped and figured wool waistings of every description in all the new rich deep colorings so much desired this season.

\$2 Majestic \$1.19 Gloves for..

15c

Suitable for dresses, waists, comforts and in fact all purposes requiring a strong, durable, highly mercurized and lustrous sateen, comes in an immense variety of light, dark and medium colorings, polka dot and fancy figures, these sateens are worth 30c per yard elsewhere.

Warm Night Gowns

Ladies' gowns in four different styles, made of extra quality of flannelette. Every one of them wide enough and long enough for the largest of persons. Some sold as high as \$1.50, to \$1.00. Close for... **65c**

Handkerchief Sale

Old lots of Women's and Men's Hemstitched initial handkerchiefs. Good grade of materials, neatly made, up to 25c values for... **8c**

Silk Baby Bonnets

65 cts.

Fine winter bonnets. Made of hemstitched silk, full lace ruching around cap and heavy padded lining. Worth \$1.00.

Sample Napkins.

20 inch, bleached napkins \$1.25, per doz. 20 inch, bleached Damask napkins, worth \$1.45, per dozen **\$1.10** 20 inch, napkins, full bleached and worth \$2.15 per dozen **\$1.45** 20 inch, all linen Damask napkins in this sale, per dozen **\$1.60** 20 inch pure linen napkins, full bleached for, per dozen **\$1.90** Extra grade fine Satin Damask Napkins, 22 inches square, and worth \$3.00 per dozen in this sale only **\$2.00** 20 inch pure linen bleached, double satin damask napkins, per dozen, only **\$2.75**

Sample Separate Cloths.

58x68 inches, regular **\$1.00** 58x68 inches, regular **\$1.50** 2x2 yards, regular \$3.00 cloth **\$2.00** 2x2 1/2 yards, regular \$3.75 cloth **\$2.50** 2x3 yards, regular \$4.50 cloth **\$3.00** 2x2 1/2 yards, regular \$6.00 cloth **\$4.00** 3x3 yards, regular \$4.50 cloth **\$3.00** 3x3 yards, regular \$5.50 cloth **\$3.75** 3x3 yards, regular \$5.75 cloth **\$5.75**

Exquisite Damask Sets.

Cloth 2x2 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$4.25** Cloth 2x2 1/2 yards, and 1 doz. napkins, regular price **\$5.75** Cloth 2x2 1/2 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$6.75** Cloth 2x2 1/2 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$9.50** Cloth 2x3 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$7.00** Cloth 2x3 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$7.50** Cloth 2x3 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$12.00**

SPECIAL PRICE INDUCEMENTS ON OUR SUPERB STOCK OF

TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS.

Cloth 2x2 yards and 1 doz. napkins, regular value **\$12.50** 58 inch, bleached cotton table damask, per yard **29c** 64 inch, cream table linen, per yard **35c** 58 inch, unbleached table damask, per yard **45c** 58 inch, all linen bleached table damask, per yard **48c** 66 inch, cream German linen, 5c patterns to select from, per yard **50c** 72 inch extra heavy cream German linen, per yard **75c** 66 inch, bleached table damask, every thread pure linen, per yard **75c** 72 inch, bleached all linen table damask, our regular \$1.15 grade, per yard **90c**

Full dinner size napkins to match, our regular \$3.75 grade, per dozen **\$3.25** 72 inch, half bleached German linen, regular \$1.25 value, per yard **\$1.00** 72 inch, bleached table linen, four different patterns, our regular \$1.25 grade, per yard **\$1.00** Full dinner size napkins to match, our \$4.00 grade, **\$3.50** 72 inch, bleached table linen, five different patterns, our regular \$1.55 grade, per yard **\$1.25** 24 inch, napkins to match, \$4.50 quality, per dozen **\$3.75** 72 inch, bleached Irish table damask, seven choice patterns to choose from, our regular \$1.75 grade, per yard **\$1.35**

24 inch, napkins to match, our regular \$4.95 grade, per dozen **\$3.95** 72 inch, bleached table linen, all new patterns, our regular \$2.00 grade, per yard **\$1.65** Napkins to match, regular \$5.00 grade, per dozen **\$5.00** 72 inch, grass bleached, double satin Irish table linen, four patterns, regular \$2.25 grade, per yard **\$1.75** 24 inch, napkins to match, our regular \$6.25 grade, per dozen **\$5.25** 72 inch, bleached double satin Irish table damask, five different designs, including the plain center and open border, our regular \$2.50 grade, per yard **\$1.95** 24 inch, bleached double satin Irish napkins to match, our regular \$7.50 grade, per dozen **\$6.25**

OUR LEADERS IN READY-MADE GARMENTS FOR THIS WEEK.

50c For Women's Cashmere Hose

This is the best hose ever before offered at this price. It is our regular 65c quality; an imported fine heavy winter weight cashmere hose, with high spliced heel and double sole for only **50c**

Liberty Silk Neck Ruffs . . 98c

Double Liberty Silk pleated neck bows with accordion pleated ends worth \$1.50.

50c All Wool Golf Gloves, . . 75c

Ladies' and Misses' black, red and fancy mixtures in this season's newest wool golf gloves, will be offered this week as a special leader at the above price.

LADIES' EIDERDOWN ROBE, SPECIAL \$3.75

Satin and frog trimmed, grey and red, all sizes. Regular \$4.50 value.

LADIES' WOOL WAISTS, SPECIAL \$1.50

To close out one big lot of wool waists, all colors and sizes, large variety of styles, some are regular \$4.00 values.

SILK WAISTS, SPECIAL \$2.50

Closing out of a big assortment of handsome taffeta and Peau de Soie silk waists, all colors, all sizes, all styles, some are regular \$7.50 values.

LADIES' DRESS AND WALKING SUITS, SPECIAL \$9.95

A special assortment, made of broadcloth, pebble cheviot, covert, and all the latest and best materials. An almost endless variety of styles. Every suit is a bargain and you cannot begin to match them elsewhere for the money. They are each and every one a \$16.50 value.

LADIES' AND MISSES' WALKING SKIRTS, SPECIAL \$2.50

Oxford, light grey, navy and black cheviot, stitched flounces, would be a great bargain at \$4.00, anywhere else.

HANDSOME VELVET DRESS SKIRTS, SPECIAL \$10.95

Flaring style, trimmed with clusters of Peau de Soie and braid. Regular \$15.00 value.

LADIES' SWEATERS, SPECIAL \$3.25

Jersey knit, all colors and fancy mixtures, these are unmatchable in the town at this price, as they are all regular \$6.00 values.

INFANTS' CLOAKS, SPECIAL \$1.69

Long cashmere cloaks, embroidered on cape, collar, cuffs and around bottom of skirt. Also short eiderdown cloaks, red, grey, and white, braid trimmed. Regular \$1.95

LADIES' NOBBY COACHING COATS, SPECIAL \$9.85

27 inches, castor, tan, black, front and back entirely covered with cluster of cording and stitched straps, newest cuffs and sleeves. Regular \$12.00 values.

LADIES' SWELL MONTE CARLO, SPECIAL \$13.50.

32 inches, black, kersey, inverted pleat back, bishop sleeves with cuff, front fastened with tasseled ornaments, tailor stitched, heavy satin lined. Regular \$16.50 values.

LADIES' CAPE SPECIAL \$4.98

30 inches long, black kersey, stitched. Regular \$6.50 value.

INFANTS' EIDERDOWN SAQUES, SPECIAL 39c

All solid colors and fancy stripes, crocheted edge, ribbon at neck. Regular 65c value.

CHILDS' FUR SETS, SPECIAL \$1.25

White lamb's wool, fancy box and muff to match. Regular \$1.75 value.

LADIES' SAQUES AND KIMONAS, SPECIAL 59c

Eiderdown saques, all colors, fleece lined kimonas, fancy dark and medium stripes and figures. Regular 90c values.

LADIES' FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS, SPECIAL 89c

Dark rich colors, all sizes, four styles to select from, some are regular \$1.50 values.

LADIES' FUR SCARFS, SPECIAL \$3.95

Neutria Beaver, eight tails, regular \$5.00 value.

SATEEN PETTICOATS, SPECIAL 89c

With stitched or tucked ruffles, or deep accordion pleated flounces. Regular \$1.50 values.

BEAUTIFUL SILK PETTI-COATS, SPECIAL \$5.65

All colors, plain and changeable, variety of styles and ruffles. Regular \$8.50 values.

Misses' and Boy's Underwear.

We offer a flat weave, extra heavy fleeced, soft and very elastic, come in camel's hair color and silver grey, shirts and drawers in all sizes, a regular 50c value **33c** for... **79c** Misses' natural color pants, every thread wool, sizes 30-32-34. **\$1.25** and \$1.40 quality for...

Pillow Ribbon Specials.

Shaded pillow ribbons, 3 inches wide in all the richest colorings with drawing on edge. **40c** worth 60c per yard... **50c** Striped and shaded pillow ribbons with printed floral patterns and draw strings, worth 75c, per yard...

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