

PLAN TO AID MINERS

A National Defense Fund to Be Raised.

ALL ORGANIZED LABOR TO CONTRIBUTE

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WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 9.—A national defense fund to which all organized labor and the public in general will be asked to contribute is the latest proposition placed on foot to help the striking anthracite coal miners if they need assistance in their struggle for higher wages and a shorter work day.

After the conference President Mitchell had nothing to say about the matter beyond the brief statement that he approved of the plan.

"President Mitchell will accept the co-operation and whatever aid may be rendered by the labor organizations of the country and others, but with the understanding that it is only to be used when their own funds become exhausted, which will not be for some time."

"Efforts will also be made to originate a movement throughout the country so that the unions and others may be prepared to collect funds when the time is propitious."

"Public men will also undertake an independent movement and solicit subscriptions from those not connected with labor organizations. This movement will be inaugurated in New York city, and the labor organizations and sympathizers in all the principal cities of the country will be called on to appoint committees to carry on similar work."

President Mitchell had nothing to say regarding his trip to New York beyond repeating what he had said in that city. He had no information from the West Virginia strike.

The Lehigh Valley Coal company has succeeded in starting up its Henry washery at Plains.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

Marie Henriette, queen of the Belgians, was reported critically ill.

The French cabinet authorized the conversion of 3 1/2 per cent rentes into 3 per cents.

Reports of disaster on the Newfoundland coast tell of four score boats wrecked and several lives lost.

Ridding by shorts put July corn at Chicago up to 90 cents, the highest price it has reached since 1892.

According to advices from Bogota, the rebellion in Colombia is hopeless.

Six persons were killed and twenty-seven injured in a railway accident in Portugal.

Six deaths and a score of prostrations occurred in Pittsburg from the heat.

No news has yet been received of the Jeanie and Portland, vessels carried into the arctic regions by ice.

The steamers Cumberland and Admiral Farragut were in collision near Boston light. The former was badly damaged.

The Lowe Coke and Gas Securities company of New York city, with a capital of \$30,000,000, was incorporated in Dover, Del.

Monday, July 7. Eight persons were poisoned by eating canned salmon at a family reunion near Pittsburg.

The Australian federal government has decided not to become a party to the Brussels sugar convention.

In the vicinity of Zanesville, O., fifty bridges were washed away and other damage done by a heavy rainstorm.

A severe earthquake shock has been felt at Salonika, European Turkey. Many houses were wrecked, and there was much loss of life.

British military stores valued at over \$2,500,000 were destroyed by a fire at Lourenco Marques.

One person was killed and ten passengers severely injured in a trolley car collision near Findlay, O.

Henry E. Mikins of Cohoes, N. Y., was killed by the exploding of a cannon while celebrating the Fourth.

Decorations at the king's dinner to East India princes in London cost \$250,000. There were 3,000 guests.

At Newcastle, Pa., one man was killed, another fatally hurt and a score of others injured in a crash between heavily loaded trolley cars.

A train in India was blown down an embankment by a cyclone and thirteen persons killed.

Captain N. W. King of the Minneapolis detective force was sentenced to the penitentiary for felony.

A railroad tunnel near Minerva, O., collapsed. Several workmen were caught in the cavern, and one life was lost.

Georgia Democrats in state convention at Atlanta named Joseph M. Terrell for governor and endorsed United States Senator Clay for re-election.

Miss Ada Barker, who was found recently wandering about the streets of El Paso, Tex., and about whom nothing can be learned, has been sent to an insane asylum.

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EDUCATORS GATHER

Fifteen Thousand at National Convention in Minneapolis.

MANY MEN OF NOTE ARE TO SPEAK.

Governor Van Sant and Acting Mayor Jones Welcome Delegates to State and City—President Butler of Columbia Delivers Address.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 9.—Minneapolis has within her gates 15,000 or more delegates to the National Educational association convention.

The speakers at the different meetings of the convention are all men of widespread reputation. Men of letters, men of educational note, politicians, inventors, publishers, representatives of the church and the state and national government will have places on the programmes.

The cities in the race for the next convention so far are Boston, Portland, Me.; the north Pacific coast cities, which are working together, and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Yesterday afternoon Governor S. R. Van Sant on behalf of the state welcomed the association. J. W. Olsen, state superintendent of public instruction, delivered an address on behalf of the educational branch of the state government, and Acting Mayor D. P. Jones welcomed the visitors to the city.

Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools Charles M. Jordan spoke of the system of public education conducted by the state and city.

Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president of the State university, made a welcoming address which by a happy mingling of wit and eloquence held closely the attention of the 5,000 educators who made up the audience, and when he finished the applause was deafening.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, spoke on "Some Problems" for nearly an hour. His address was pronounced a model of oratory. He spoke of the profession of teaching in general, and his speech was really the address that marked the regular opening of the convention proper and the beginning of the work in earnest.

Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of Tulane university, New Orleans, also spoke at length to the convention, and his words were apparently scarcely less appreciated than those of the orator-president of Columbia.

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AGUINALDO TIMID.

Former Insurgent Leader Set Free, but Afraid to Move.

MANILA, July 7.—As a result of the proclamation of amnesty July 4 the guard of American soldiers has been withdrawn from the house where Aguinaldo lived in Manila, and Lieutenant Johnston, the custodian of Aguinaldo, brought the Filipino yesterday to see General Chaffee.

Aguinaldo was told that he was free to go anywhere he pleased, and General Chaffee asked him if he had any complaint to make of American discourtesy or harshness.

The former Filipino leader then asked General Chaffee to prevent the courts from requiring him to testify in civil suits. General Chaffee replied that he had no authority to grant this request.

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THE MARKETS. BLOOMSBURG MARKETS. CORRECTED WEEKLY. RETAIL PRICES. Butter, per pound, 18; Eggs, per dozen, 18; Ham, per pound, 15; Beef (quarter), per pound, 6 to 8; Wheat, per bushel, 1 00; Oats, do, 65; Rye, do, 60; Flour per bbl., 4 40; Hay, per ton, 14 00; Potatoes, (new), per bushel, 1 60; Turnips, do, 40; Tallow, per pound, 06; Shoulder, do, 12; Side meat, do, 12; Vinegar, per qt., 05; Dried apples, per pound, 07; Cow hides, do, 38; Steer do do, 38; Calf skin, do, 80; Sheep pelts, do, 75; Shelled corn, per bushel, 85; Corn meal, cwt., 2 00; Bran, cwt., 1 32; Chop, cwt., 1 50; Middlings, cwt., 1 30; Chickens, per pound, new, 10; do do old, 10; Geese, do, 120; Ducks, do, 1; do do, 00. COAL. Number 6, delivered, 3 50; do 4 and 5 delivered, 4 45; do 6, at yard, 3 10; do 4 and 5, at yard, 4 25. SHARE INTO YOUR SIDES. Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures painful, smarting, nervous feet and ingrowing nails, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. Don't accept any substitute. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 6-19d-4t.

BASEBALL. Standing of the Clubs in National and American Leagues. NATIONAL LEAGUE. W. L. P.C. Pittsburgh, 17 14 .554; Brooklyn, 20 20 .500; Boston, 25 27 .481; Chicago, 24 31 .438; Philadelphia, 29 28 .509; St. Louis, 28 28 .500; Cincinnati, 25 37 .403; New York, 21 43 .328. AMERICAN LEAGUE. W. L. P.C. Chicago, 28 23 .552; Boston, 26 20 .565; St. Louis, 28 28 .500; Philadelphia, 21 29 .419; Baltimore, 20 34 .370; Washington, 22 36 .380; Detroit, 28 35 .444; Cleveland, 28 39 .415. To Investigate Panama Title. WASHINGTON, July 7.—Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Russell is completing his preparations and within a week will start for Paris to investigate the ability of the new Panama Canal company to give to the United States a satisfactory title to concessions and property on the isthmus. When this preliminary work shall have proceeded to a certain point, the attorney general, according to the president's expressed wish, will probably go over and personally look into the matter. He has invited Senator Spooner to go along and assist him, in view of the senator's well known familiarity with the matter and the attorney general's opinion of his ability, and hopes that he will go. Ragtime Melodies at a Funeral. NEW YORK, July 9.—The ragtime melodies which John Stromberg composed in life were played yesterday during the funeral services held over his body at Masonic temple by the members of Weber & Fields' orchestra. There was scarcely a dry eye among the many friends of the dead musician when the muffled strains of "Come Back, My Honey Boy, to Me," were heard. Twelve Boys Poisoned. LONDON, July 9.—In a dispatch dated Shanghai the correspondent there of the Daily Express says that thirteen English and American boys attending the Inland Mission school at Chefoo were seized with illness after partaking of chicken pie. Twelve of the boys died, says the correspondent, supposedly from ptomaine poisoning. Special Session in Ohio. PUT-IN-BAY, O., July 9.—Governor Nash has decided to call the legislature to meet in special session Aug. 25 to enact a municipal code bill for the several cities of the state. Prominent Democratic and Republican leaders are here to aid in the framing of a bill that will embody the needs of the various cities. Snowstorm in Wyoming. EVANSTON, Wyo., July 5.—Snow has been falling here for twenty-four hours, and in the mountains it lies on the ground to a depth of three to six inches.

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