

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

STATUS OF STRIKE.

Conferences at Wilkesbarre and New York.

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH ASSURED.

Meanwhile Three More Collieries Are Opened, Making Nineteen In All, With a Daily Output of 26,000 Tons.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 17.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and National President Mitchell and National Treasurer Wilson of the United Mine Workers, together with the district presidents of the same organization in the anthracite region, spent the best part of the day in conference here.

After the meeting none of those who participated was in a communicative mood. President Mitchell said it was the regular monthly meeting of the executive board of United Mine Workers and Mr. Gompers and Mr. Wilson, happening to be coming this way, stopped over.

Mr. Gompers was a little more talkative than the others. When asked what was the object of his visit to strike headquarters, he replied: "I simply came up here to look over the strike situation. I find everything in excellent shape. The strike is being ably conducted, and I learn that there is ample relief for all the strikers."

Mr. Gompers was asked whether the federation will be assessed to support the miners. He said in reply that the trades unions now comprising the federation are making voluntary contributions to help the miners and that if it is necessary to give additional aid it will be done. "But at present," he continued, "the miners are well able to take care of themselves."

Mr. Gompers said the annual convention of the federation would not be called at an earlier date than November to take action on the strike.

NO CONCESSIONS.

Conference of Leading Anthracite Coal Road Presidents.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—At a conference of the leading anthracite coal interests held at the Philadelphia and Reading company's offices President Bauer of the Reading road, President Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, President Fowler of the New York, Ontario and Western, President Waiters of the Lehigh Valley, President Olyphant of the Delaware and Hudson, Irving Stearns of Coxie Bros. & Co. and John Markle of B. G. Markle & Co. were present.

The two last named represented the independent operating interests in the hard coal industry.

The precise subjects of the conference could not be learned, but it was stated in advance of the meeting that no concessions would be granted and that recent events of a semipolitical character would not be seriously considered.

Following a meeting with J. P. Morgan, John Markle made this statement:

"I do not think it necessary to repeat that all talk of concessions on the part of the operators is foolish and certainly without foundation. Our position now is the same as when Mitchell made his original propositions and no different than when the strike began."

"We said then that we would make no concessions, and we repeat it now. There is no reason why this should not be understood. The operators have shown that they mean it, and I repeat it only by way of emphasis."

"There is just one way to end the strike, by the men returning to work, and every day they remain away by giving ear to Mitchell's specious promises will only entail further loss and suffering to them. Conditions are improving daily. More men are returning to work and more coal is being mined."

Three More Collieries Started.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 17.—The Delaware and Hudson company has started up three more collieries, the Cunningham, at Wilkesbarre; the Plymouth No. 2 and the Olyphant. This company now has six collieries and three washeries in operation. The Ontario and Western company has resumed operations at the Pine Brook and West Ridge collieries and the Boer generals Botha, De Wet and Delarey, accompanied by Messrs. Wilmars and Reitz, arrived in Amsterdam from The Hague and were given a hearty welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 11.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Tensely Told.

Many English pig iron furnaces are running full time to meet American orders.

The Dutch states general was opened at The Hague by Queen Wilhelmina.

Adjutant General Alexander C. Olyphant of New Jersey has died of paralysis.

Cholera on the transport Sherman caused the death of a sailor. Other enlisted men are afflicted.

United States Senator Thomas R. Bard was reported to be dangerously ill with pneumonia at Los Angeles, Calif.

From 300 to 1,000 Catholic converts are said to have been murdered by Boxers in the Chinese province of Szechuan.

Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Married women have been barred as teachers in public schools at Salt Lake City.

Nine vessels of the French cod fleet foundered in the North sea, and fifty fishermen were drowned.

A band of marauding Yaquis were attacked by Mexican farmers near Tomata and six of them killed.

Three large steel turret steamships from Glasgow, Scotland, passed up the St. Lawrence river to engage in the grain and ore trade on the lakes.

A treasury warrant for \$30,000 was forwarded to Mrs. Ida S. McKinley, widow of the late president, for salary which would have been due him on July 1, 1902.

Monday, Sept. 15.

Secretary Shaw decided to release \$4,000,000 of United States treasury holdings to relieve the stringency in currency.

The damage to the warship Brooklyn during the recent maneuvers is estimated at \$42,500. She will be laid up for three months.

An English mail train 205 miles from Madras dashed over a bridge which had been undermined by floods. Fifty passengers were drowned.

Unusually cold weather was reported in Kentucky, west Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas, and frosts occurred at several points in the south.

President Diaz has laid the cornerstone of the new general postoffice building. The building is in the new business center of the City of Mexico.

Saturday, Sept. 13.

Charles B. Andrews, former chief justice of Connecticut, died at Litchfield.

A jury at the Old Bailey (London) court acquitted the Prince of Braganza of a criminal charge.

A three-month-old baby, alive and healthy, was found in an ash can by a New York policeman.

Frank Holmes of Birmingham tried to swim the English channel, but abandoned the attempt after being in the water two hours.

Two hundred men and women were thrown out of work by the burning of the Eastgate Woolen company's largest mill at Bridgeport, Conn.

Friday, Sept. 12.

The B. H. Gladding company of Providence, R. I., dry goods, failed; liabilities, \$470,000.

Experts estimated the damage done to the Kent (England) hop growers by a storm of rain and hail at fully \$500,000.

The battleship Wisconsin and the cruiser Cincinnati were ordered to look after American interests on the isthmus of Panama.

Marcioni says he has solved the problem of sending wireless messages more than 1,500 miles and predicts that such communication will soon be established between Europe and America.

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Martial Law Repeated.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 17.—Sir John Gordon Spragg, prime minister of Cape Colony, has announced before the house of assembly and in the government Gazette the repeal of the martial law and the proclamation of the peace preservation act, which enables the government to control the possession, importation and registration of all arms and ammunition.

Big Money For Hereford Bull.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 17.—At the stockyards here Cleon Graves, the owner of the Bunker Hill farm, sold the Hereford bull Crusader for \$10,000. Edward F. Hawkins of Earl Park, Ind., was the purchaser.

British Debt Increased.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A return of the national debt shows that the gross liabilities March 31 were \$3,842,216,030, an increase of \$313,597,540, due to the South African war.

Cold Wave Caused Damage.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 17.—The cold wave has badly damaged the northern New York corn and buckwheat crops. The aggregate losses will be heavy.

Restoration of Manchuria.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A dispatch to a news agency from Peking says the restoration to the Chinese of the southern province of Manchuria and the Newchwang railroad will occur Oct. 8.

HENDERSON IS OUT.

Speaker Withdraws From Congressional Contest.

AT VARIANCE WITH HIS PARTY.

Third Town District's Candidate Retains His Belief In Protection and Does Not Think Reduction to Curb Trusts the Proper Thing.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Sept. 17.—Speaker Henderson has announced his withdrawal from the congressional fight after a conference of several hours' duration with Chairman Glasser of the congressional committee and friends. Mr. Henderson has been contemplating this action for two weeks, but had intimated nothing of it to his friends until Monday. At the conference his friends implored him not to take the action, but to no avail. He said he had made up his mind and no argument could cause him to change his decision. When asked for his reasons for his withdrawal, Speaker Henderson said:

"My letter to Chairman Albrook is the whole thing in a nutshell. You cannot kill the trusts by applying free trade without killing our own industries. The foreign trusts are fighting



SPEAKER D. B. HENDERSON.

the American trusts, and I don't believe that for the purpose of controlling American trusts we should make a market for foreign trusts, thereby crushing out the industries of this country. After my conference last Saturday at Waterloo and hearing the views of the chairmen of my district I concluded that my views on the tariff question were at variance with those of many of my party, and I did not desire to appear in a false position."

Speaker Henderson gave out an address last evening which states his views on the tariff and trust questions, and because these views, in his opinion, are not in accord with the state platform and with the opinions of prominent members of his party he declines to accept the nomination. The address is to the Republican voters of the Third Ward district. He says, being a Republican, he is a protectionist, and if he ever entertained a doubt as to the wisdom of a protective policy a hasty comparison between the present and the past would blot out such doubt. He then speaks with satisfaction of the tariff planks of the last two national platforms.

Went 11,000 Miles to Wed.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 13.—A cable from Kimberley, South Africa, announced the wedding there of Miss Nellie Pruner, who had traveled 11,000 miles to become a bride. Miss Pruner was engaged to Alexander Brigham, a civil engineer for the Beers Diamond Mining company, who found when the Boer war ended that he could not come to this country and that he would have to postpone his wedding unless Miss Pruner could go to him. She traveled the 11,000 miles alone.

Morgan Buys Steamers.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A dispatch received by a news agency from Liverpool says J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased from J. R. Ellerman, chairman of the Leyland line of steamers, five vessels engaged in trade between Antwerp and Montreal. It is understood the dispatch says, that the vessels acquired by Mr. Morgan will be managed by the Leyland line.

Sight Restored After Six Years.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 15.—After being sightless for six years Mrs. Julia Marowski of 12 Turpin street recovered the power of vision Saturday and for a few moments gazed upon the faces of her husband and six children. The children had outgrown her memory. The youngest she had never seen. The little one was born after she had been stricken blind.

Pearry Homeward Bound.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, has received a dispatch from Lieutenant R. E. Peary, the arctic explorer, dated Chateau Bay, Labrador. Lieutenant Peary says in the dispatch that he is on his way home on the relief ship Windward and that all on board are well.

Frosting Weather.

HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 17.—There has been a fall in the temperature here, the mercury reaching the freezing point. This followed a severe frost on Monday night, and corn and other field products suffered heavily.

Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Market steady; choice, \$7.10; good, \$6.75; fair, \$6.50.

HOGS—Market slow; prime heavies, \$8.10; medium, \$8.; heavy, \$7.90.

PIGEONS—Market steady, \$1.25.

OATS—Quiet, but steady; track, white, \$3.50; track, yellow, \$3.25.

EGGS—Steady to firm; state and Pennsylvania, \$1.25.

SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining, \$3.; centrifugal, \$2.75; refined, \$2.50.

CRUSHED ICE—Firm, \$4.50-\$4.75.

COAL—Firm, \$10.00-\$10.25.

MOLASSES—Firm, \$10.00-\$10.25.

RICE—Firm, domestic, \$4.50-\$5.; Japan, \$4.50-\$5.

TALLOW—Dull; city, \$5.50-\$5.75; country, \$5.25-\$5.50.

HAY—Steady; shipping, \$3.75-\$4.

STRAW—\$1.25-\$1.50.

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WETHERS, \$4.50-\$5.25; CULLS AND COMMON, \$3.50-\$4.25; CHOICE LAMBS, \$5.75-\$6.50.

A SCENE OF DEVASTATION.

Destruction by Forest Fires Worse Than at First Reported.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 16.—Reports of loss of property from forest fires continue to come in on every hand, but no reliable estimate of the extent of the damage can be obtained. A report from the Dale settlement east of Bell's mountain is to the effect that nearly every settler in that section has been driven from home and his property consumed by the great wall of fire that swept through there.

A Washington report says that the loss of property in that section is worse than was at first thought. The entire surrounding country, including the Skamakas, Last Chance, Latton and Bird mines, is a smoking ruin, and many people are homeless. Latton's sawmill at Bear prairie was destroyed, and two other mills back of Fern prairie are also in ashes.

Major Eastham of Vancouver has issued a call for a mass meeting of citizens today to devise ways and means to succor the suffering inhabitants of the burned districts of Clark county.

A special