

COAL STRIKE TALKS

President and Cabinet Officers In Long Conference.

SEEKING MEANS TO END STRUGGLE.

Situation Seems to Present No Case Which Warrants Federal Interference—Question of a Receivership Considered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The president has taken initiative steps to ascertain what if anything can be done by federal authority to settle the coal strike.

The result was a rather general expression of opinion by the advisers of the president who were parties to the conference to the effect that the federal laws and constitution did not afford means of federal interference to end the strike, but another conference will be held, and the president will do all he can properly and legally do to bring about a settlement.

At the temporary White House a conference was held with three cabinet officers, Attorney General Knox, Secretary Moody and Postmaster General Payne, Governor Crane of Massachusetts was also present. These gentlemen met with President Roosevelt first, and after the subject had been considered for some time they adjourned to another room and conferred together for an hour. They all returned later in the day and held another conference with the president, and the strike situation was discussed further.

President Roosevelt is deeply concerned over the situation. The approach of winter, with a coal famine imminent and the distress and suffering that must ensue unless coal becomes available, presents a situation which he thinks should receive the attention of the administration if there is anything that can be done by the government. Many appeals have been made to him, and many suggestions have been received by him, and it was with a view to ascertain what if anything could be done that the conferences were held.

The tenor of the whole discussion was to the effect that there was a lack of power in the federal administration to take any action at the present stage of the strike, although the seriousness of the coal famine now and the much greater evils soon to follow were considered at length and with a wish to discover some method of ending the industrial deadlock.

Troops Sent to Another County.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 30.—The Fourth regiment has been added to the state force of troops on duty in the anthracite strike region. Sheriff Dietrich called upon General Golsh next night for troops to suppress the rioting in Northumberland county. The general called up Governor Stone by telephone and stated the situation, after which the governor ordered out the Fourth regiment. A portion of the regiment will be located at Shenandoah and the remainder at Mount Carmel. Two of the companies of this regiment have been in the field for two months.

Many Strikers Arrested.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Oct. 1.—Sheriff Knorr of Columbia county arrested 127 strikers at Centerville. They were charged with rioting and inciting to riot. The sheriff attended a special meeting of the Centerville local union of United Mine Workers, at which the 127 men were surrounded. Hearings in the cases will be held at Bloomsburg today.

Record Price For Coal.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 1.—A record price for anthracite coal was set in this city when a prominent manufacturer purchased four tons for \$100. A great many large manufacturing concerns are so seriously handicapped by the lack of fuel that unless relief comes quickly they will be obliged to suspend operations, in part at least.

Bread Follows Coal.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Along with the price of meat and coal and milk, the bakers announce that the price of bread is to be advanced 1 or 2 cents a loaf.

Sites For Exposition Buildings.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1.—Under a lowering sky and swept by a chilling wind more than 1,000 persons, delegations from different states and spectators, witnessed the ceremonies in connection with the allotment of sites for the federal and state buildings at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition grounds. Sites for the government buildings and state buildings of Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey, Kentucky, Arkansas and Wisconsin were presented and accepted. Each site was marked by a red staff bearing a flag facsimile of the state seal and a silk American flag.

Five Hundred Bodies Found.

ROME, Sept. 29.—Advices received from Sicily show that the tempest that worked such damage in that island is still raging. Details of the storm multiply the number of deaths. On the east coast 370 bodies have been recovered, and the sea continues to give up corpses which were swept down from the interior. It is estimated that 500 bodies have already been recovered.

Tungchow College Opened.

PEKING, Sept. 30.—The college at Tungchow, province of Chih, which was destroyed in 1900, and where 145 Christians were massacred, has been reopened. Forty-eight officials and 8,000 Chinese who were once Boxers and who now reside in the Tungchow district participated in the opening ceremonies. The college received many congratulatory gifts.

A SECOND OPERATION.

President's Leg Treated With Knife Bone Slightly Affected.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Another operation has been performed on the abscess on the left leg of President Roosevelt. In the former operation a simple needle was used to relieve the trouble, but yesterday the surgeons with a knife made an incision into the small cavity, exposing the bone, which was found to be slightly affected. The president's case has been progressing satisfactorily, but it is believed by the physicians that the further operation made will hasten his complete recovery.

While none of the doctors is willing to be quoted, they give the most positive assurance that there is not the least cause for alarm and say that, on the contrary, there is every indication of a speedy recovery, that the area of bone affected is very slight and will not result in any impairment of the president's limb and that there is no evidence whatever of any matter that would produce blood poisoning. They confidently expect that the president will be on his feet within a reasonable time and with his robust constitution to assist recovery soon will be himself again.

The operation was performed by Surgeon General Rixey, assisted by Dr. Lang, in consultation with Surgeon General O'Reilly and Drs. Shaffer, Urie and Stitt.

The President Gaining.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The president is reported to be doing nicely. He maintains his cheerful and buoyant disposition, the wound continues to heal, and Dr. Lang announces that the case is progressing satisfactorily.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

A Batch of Appointments Announced at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The following important diplomatic appointments have been announced from the state department:

Charlemagne Tower of Pennsylvania, now ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Russia, to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Germany.

Robert S. McCormick of Illinois, now ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary, to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Russia.

Bellamy Storer of Ohio, now envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Spain, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary.

Arthur S. Hardy of New Hampshire, now envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Switzerland, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Spain.

Charles Page Bryan of Illinois, now envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Brazil, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Switzerland.

David E. Thompson of Nebraska, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Brazil.

These appointments are to take effect when Ambassador White leaves Berlin in November.

Improved Financial Conditions.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The stock market, which closed utterly demoralized Monday as a result of stringent monetary conditions and other unfavorable circumstances, made a sensational recovery yesterday. The chief causes for the complete reversal were the action of the secretary of the treasury in removing the restraint on bank reserves and persistent reports from various quarters that the coal strike had at last reached the point where negotiations for a settlement were actually under way. Another influence for better prices was the decline in call money rates, though during the morning loans were made as high as 19 per cent. A large part of the day's loans was made at around 10 per cent, and the rate at the close went down to 2. Secretary Shaw's visit to the street and his talks with the leading banking interests helped in no small measure to restore confidence. Local banks loaned moderately.

General Roe Injured.

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Major General Charles F. Roe, commanding the state national guard, has been badly injured. He was horseback riding, as is his usual daily custom, and when opposite the summer home of J. P. Morgan his horse stumbled, and the general was thrown forward, striking his head upon a bowlder in the highway. When assistance came, he was unconscious. He was conveyed to his home, and Dr. Glennon of the Under hospital at West Point was hurriedly sent for.

Floods In Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 1.—Serious flood conditions are reported all over southern and southeastern Iowa as the result of excessive rains varying from two to five inches. Rivers are swollen out of bounds, and heavy property loss is reported. In several cases rivers approach the high water mark of last spring. One man is reported drowned near Agency.

French Novelist Asphyxiated.

PARIS, Sept. 30.—Emile Zola, the well known novelist of the realistic school who gained prominence in recent years because of his defense of the Jews and of former Captain Dreyfus, has been found dead in his Paris house from asphyxiation.

General von Gossler Dead.

DANTSIC, Prussia, Sept. 30.—General von Gossler, formerly Prussian minister of war, is dead here. General von Gossler was born in 1841. He was appointed minister of war Aug. 14, 1896, and resigned the office Aug. 22 of this year.

COLER HEADS TICKET

Democrats at Saratoga Chose Him For Leader.

DEVERY CAUSES SOME TROUBLE.

Leader of Ninth New York District Denied Place on Temporary Roll, but Likely to Be Seated.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The ticket promulgated from the headquarters of Senator Hill and which will probably be named by the Democratic state convention today is as follows:

For governor, Bird S. Coler of Kings; for lieutenant governor, Charles N. Bulger of Oswego; for comptroller, C. M. Preston of Ulster; for secretary of state, Frank H. Mott of Chautauque; for attorney general, John Cunneen of Erie; for engineer, Richard W. Sherman of Oneida; for treasurer, D. J. Van Aken of Ontario; for judge of the court of appeals, John C. Gray of New York.

This was the result of a long conference of many of the state leaders, in which Senator Hill and Hugh McLaughlin took a leading part. Others present were William F. Sheehan, John L. Shea, Elliot Danforth, Frank Campbell, Charles N. Bulger, Samuel Beardsley, Eugene Woods, Andrew Hamilton, Senator Sullivan, Perry Belmont, A. A. McClear and Martin Littleton.

The most important news, which comes from semi-official sources, but still lacks authorization, is, first, that the committee on platform has decided to declare for a 1,000 ton barge canal, and, second, that the committee on credentials, to avoid further trouble, will seat the delegation headed by William S. Devery.

It was almost 12 o'clock before the delegates to the state Democratic convention began to move toward the hall. The big auditorium was almost bare of decoration, and there were no signs to show where the various county delegations sat.

At 12:32 o'clock State Chairman Frank Campbell called the convention to order and announced the selection of John B. Stanchfield of Elmira to be temporary chairman. Mr. Stanchfield was freely applauded as he spoke.

At the close of Mr. Stanchfield's address the temporary roll of delegates was read.

When the Ninth New York was reached and Goodwin's name was read as the second delegate, there was a volley of hisses, and in an instant the convention was in an uproar, hisses and cheers alternating, but all through it could be heard the monotonous call of the roll as the clerk went on reading. W. S. Devery was all the time on his feet, waving his hat and shouting for recognition. Women on the side waved handkerchiefs and parasols and urged him on. The gallery, evidently filled with Devery men, cheered Devery until the entire roll had been called. At the end of the roll call Devery said, amid cheers:

"I rise to request a privilege, Mr. Chairman. I ask the question of privilege from this convention. The Goodwin delegates should not be seated as regular delegates. I want honest politics. The rights of the people must be protected. Mr. Chairman, anything you may do under the rules is all right. Mr. Chairman, I call your attention to the fourth amendment of the United States constitution. Anything you do after this will be illegal. The people must be protected."

Earthquake Killed a Thousand. LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Allahabad to the Times quotes a report from the Kashgar correspondent of the Pioneer, who describes a severe earthquake on Aug. 22. Many villages were wrecked in the northern part of the province, and about a thousand people lost their lives. The most striking feature of the earthquake was a pronounced rise in temperature after the shock. The intense heat continued for a week.

Stromboli Volcano Active. PARIS, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Figaro from Rome says the volcano on Stromboli island, off the north coast of Sicily, has been active for several days past. A large conical mass has appeared on the edge of one of the craters, and a fissure at the base of this crater is pouring out lava and jets of flame to a height of 300 yards.

City of Mexico Shaken. CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 26.—An earthquake shock has been felt here. Although appearing to be a light one and causing little alarm, it cracked a large number of buildings, and the police reports show that the water pipes burst in several streets. The earthquake was quite sharp in Puebla.



BIRD S. COLER.

ANNUAL PENSION REPORT.

Nearly a Million Names Now on the Roll.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The annual report of the commissioner of pensions, Eugene F. Ware, just made public, shows that the number of names on the pension rolls still is under the million mark despite a net gain of 5,732 pensioners since 1898. The total enrollment July 1, last, was 969,446 against 997,735 last year. The total comprises 738,809 soldiers and 230,637 widows and dependents. The aggregate includes 4,695 pensioners outside the United States.

The number of death notices of old soldiers not now in the service received by the bureau during the year was 50,128, but only 27,043 of them were pensioners.

The report says that the death rate among the pensioners for the coming year will be about 40,000, and the losses to the rolls from other causes will be about 6,000. The total amount paid for pensions during the fiscal year was \$137,594,208, and the yearly cost of operating and maintaining the bureau and the agencies outside of the payment of pensions proper aggregates \$3,500,529. The pension system, says the report, since the beginning of the government has cost \$2,992,509,010, exclusive of the establishment of the soldiers' homes. The pension disbursements by the United States from July 1, 1790, to June 30, 1895, were \$96,443,444.

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Earthquakes In Guatemala. MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 30.—The steamer Managua, which has arrived here from Central American ports, reports serious earthquakes on Sept. 23, extending from Puerto Barrios to San Tomas, Guatemala, and from Little River to Belize, British Honduras. The shocks lasted three minutes and were simultaneous all along that coast. From the seismic movement it is believed Guatemala city was in the center of the disturbance.

Sharkey Indicted. NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Thomas J. Sharkey, who was arrested on the charge of causing the death of Nicholas Fish, the banker, in an altercation at Eighth avenue and Thirty-fourth street on Sept. 15, has been indicted on a charge of manslaughter in the first degree.

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Live Stock Market. CATTLE—Market lower; prime, \$6 1/2/6 1/2; choice, \$6 50/7; good, \$4 75/5 50; veal calves, \$7 50/8. HOGS—Market lower; prime heavy, \$7 1/2/7 1/2; medium, \$5 50/6 50; heavy Yorkers, \$7 20/7 20; light do, \$7 1/2/7 1/2; pigs, \$6 1/2/6 1/2; skins, \$2 1/2/2 1/2; roughs, \$2 1/2/2 1/2. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market lower; best wethers, \$3 60/3 75; culls and common, \$1 1/2/1 75; choice lambs, \$5 1/2/5 25.