

ROOM MSPARRAN AT PEACE PARLEY

Granger Stirrs Palmer-McCormick Democrats by Attack on C. O. P.

BOOSTED FOR GOVERNOR

Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—Leaders of the Palmer-McCormick Democratic faction, who met here today in the Orpheum Theatre to harmonize themselves, may find they have a real job on their hands.

John A. McSparran, master of the State Grange, made a speech and apparently swayed his hearers much as William Jennings Bryan a quarter of a century ago stampeded a Democratic national convention with his "Cross of Gold" speech.

McSparran certainly made a dent. He showed an expertise in flaying the Special Administration that no other speaker even came within halting distance of.

The delegates went wild and there were calls of "McSparran for Governor."

Later when a state committee was picked State Chairman Bruce F. Sterling dexterously named McSparran on the committee.

But Miss Mary A. Archer, of Reading, national committeewoman, objected. She said there were people who wanted McSparran for Governor and his hands should not be tied.

There was a roar of approval. McSparran, who sat in a box with the ladies, where he could be viewed by all the delegates, blushed and smiled, but made no objection when his name was taken off the committee.

"Barkis is Willin'"

McSparran plainly came here with the bearing of a Barkis who is willin'.

He has made many speeches and is an expert in epuistic criticism, but his enemies claim his criticisms often are not based on facts.

They point to a recent speech he made in Danville, where he was quoted as severely criticizing Dr. Thomas E. Finigan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and then turned around and demanded for the schools of the rural sections everything that Dr. Finigan's program aims to give them.

While there is no doubt McSparran gained a strong hold on the meeting, a lot of Democratic leaders don't want him, and already are trying to head him off. These leaders frankly say he is "too wild," and his nomination would mean a Republican walkover next November.

In his attack on the Special Administration today McSparran made a big hit when he branded the Public Instruction Department as "the mushroom of Capitol Hill."

His job as head of the State Grange leads his friends to believe he can swing the "farmer vote," while they contend he "is right with labor."

Bob Pattison on Second Place

There is some talk of young "Bob" Pattison, of Philadelphia, for Lieutenant Governor.

He is a son of the late Robert E. Pattison, twice Governor of Pennsylvania, and the only Democrat to fill that office in six decades.

Sentiment among the oldtimers is strong for young Pattison.

A. Mitchell Palmer kept away from the meeting, although he was in Harrisburg, to give an appearance of an unbiased gathering of the unaffiliated. The Palmer men, just to show the meeting was open, left the fellows who have not been identified with them strongly to most of the talking and posing.

The Bonniwell element, led by Judge

MINE OWNERS PLAN TEST WITH UNIONS

Operators Prepare for Summer Strike if Demands of Men Are Pressed

MEET AT ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City, Feb. 24.—Just as the secret session of the anthracite operators got under way in the Hotel Traymore this morning to discuss the price of coal and the demands of the union miners, authoritative circles reached here that the mine owners in the Pennsylvania hard-coal fields were preparing for a strike.

It was said by those who have been on the ground in Lackawanna County, for example, that the mine owners were erecting fences, stockades and stringing barbed wire to protect the shafts in the event of a strike. Presumably, also, armed guards are being provided for.

This news is regarded as especially illuminating in view of the general feeling that the mine owners may be willing to precipitate a more or less short strike, a summer strike, in a plan to justify a continuation of the fall of the present high prices for hard coal.

Householders and others, such as those in charge of churches, are wondering if they will have to keep on paying \$14 to \$15 a ton for coal which is sold in coal regions, at retail, for \$7 or \$8.

No official word can be obtained from the operators here as to whether a strike might be developed when the present wage scale expires on April 1.

Opening is Delayed

The meeting of the anthracite operators was scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock. The opening was delayed awaiting the arrival of several operators, particularly of S. D. Warriner, of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, who presides at the meetings.

The assembling of the operators was notable for the silence consistently maintained on important points at issue. All inquiries were referred to E. W. Parker, of Philadelphia, director of the Anthracite Bureau of Information in the Lafayette Building, Philadelphia. Mr. Parker so far has officiated as anything but a bureau of information. He even declined to give the names of the operators already on the scene or of those expected. He said that would have to be decided by the committee itself.

He did not concede that the meeting was to consider the general situation created by the demands of the miners for an increase and other benefits, which were authorized by the recent Indianapolis convention, arranged by the miners themselves.

Parker even urged inquirers to retire to the lobby to await further information.

The gathering was remarkably reminiscent of the famous trust dinners where Judge Gary used to be the "connoisseur" and where steel prices were discussed, if not fixed. At this gathering prices will be discussed, if not fixed. Observers wonder how much relation the anti-trust laws have to such meetings as the present meeting of the General Policies Committee of the anthracite operators.

The committee is meeting behind closed doors, of course, in the clubroom of the hotel on the tenth floor. The operators are seated at a long table running down the middle of the room. The table is covered with green baize. On this table the operators argue tonight the dice of business, prices, wages, profits and costs to the ultimate consumer.

Seats for twenty-eight men are provided at the table. Other chairs are ranged about the walls. Mr. Warriner is seated at the head of the table. All look grim and determined. Before them, competing with the match stands and against the wall, are blueprints and tables of statistics.

Among those present are W. J. Richards, of Pottsville, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company; R. V. Pierce, secretary to Chairman Warriner, and D. B. Wentz, of the Wentz Bros. Coal Company.

Talk of "Big Pool"

Those who discuss this interesting situation, interesting in the light of the secret sessions here, are interested in the big pool which is financially interested in all branches of coal output and sales, as "New York money." Those attending the sessions here are described as Pennsylvania operators with some members from New York "headquarters."

The big turnover of money involved in the sale of coal in Philadelphia is represented by \$75,000,000 a year. In New York City it is about \$150,000,000 and in other places the sum is in proportion. Those who have some real knowledge of the situation say that the operators make plenty of money. It is certain they pay their officials high salaries. Some figures mentioned were \$25,000 and \$35,000 a year. It is argued that the bigger turnover in money, the greater profits, since the higher the price for coal, the more chance for making bigger money along this line.

It is understood that the operators can afford a strike, there is coal on hand to last some time.

"But," say friends of the operators, "we have got to battle with the men or they may get out of bounds. They may want too much of the profits."

The anthracite miners through John L. Lehigh, international president of the United Mine Workers, have suggested March 15 as the date for the opening of the joint conference with the coal operators to negotiate a new wage agreement to replace the present contract which expires March 31.

This suggestion from Thomas Kennedy, president of District No. 7, of the European interest, would be taken up with the miners by a set committee of operators.

EUROPE MUST PAY ALL, SMOOT SAYS

Debt-Funding Commissioner Would Exact \$11,000,000,000 and Interest

MUST WAIT OR RUIN TRADE

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, one of the five American commissioners appointed by President Harding to arrange for the funding of Europe's \$11,000,000,000 debt to the United States, declared today in the first statement made by any member of the commission, he favored collecting "every dollar" of the loans, including principal and interest.

To attempt to enforce payment immediately would ruin American commerce, he asserted.

"There is no thought in my mind of forgiving those countries either the principal or interest on these obligations," Senator Smoot said.

Asked whether he concurred in the statement of Louis Loucheur, Minister of Finance in the Briand Cabinet and one of France's foremost financiers and economists, that France can never pay a cent of the United States' war debt, the Utah Senator replied:

"Certainly not. Of course, they can pay it. And they will pay it—every cent of it. Not immediately, naturally. Any one would be foolish to expect the debt to be paid at once. But there is no doubt in my mind it will be paid eventually, and I am personally not in favor of cancelling or scaling down any portion of the debt of any European country—France included."

Senator Smoot pointed out that to force the immediate payment of the debt would further depreciate European currency, close foreign markets to American trade, and seriously retard if not prevent economic stabilization.

He declared Congress would have to recognize the factuality of expecting to exact a prohibitive tariff and collect the European debt at the same time.

"Europe can only pay in goods," he said. "They haven't any gold with which to pay us. We can't exclude foreign goods and expect to collect the loans. That would be silly. The worst thing we could do, from the viewpoint of our own interest, would be to place an embargo on European goods and attempt to enforce immediate payment of the foreign debt."

"Just as soon as the people of the world get back to work and get to producing, the exchanges can be adjusted," he declared. "Then I would not only demand that all the interest on the European debt be paid, but I would demand part of the principal. And they could pay it then. But as long as the

MRS. DUKE LOSES \$375,000

Says Broker Cheated Her Along With Other Prominent Women

CHILD MASSACRE UNLIKELY

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12 DEAD, LOSS HEAVY, IN WESTERN BLIZZARD

Several Frozen to Death When Storm Sweeps Northwestern States

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Chicago, Feb. 24.—(By A. P.)—The Northwest today was beginning to recover from the blizzard, which sent below and scattered heavy falls of snow and sleet over a wide area from Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin down into the northern part of Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Northwest, where the storm was greatest, according to dispatches received here, reported a death toll of twelve and millions of dollars damage to property. Five trainmen met death in a train wreck between Delano and Montrose, Minn., when a passenger train crashed into a snow plough. Four men were frozen to death in Minneapolis and St. Paul, a woman was frozen to death near Langford, D. S., a woman was electrocuted near Rochester, Minn., and a man frozen at Dilmore, Minn.

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State Committee Named

After speeches by Webster Grim, of Bucks; Major J. A. Farrell, of Chester County, and Raymond E. Shearer, of Cumberland, the conference adopted resolutions presented by J. Frank Snyder, of Clearfield, indorsing the Sterling harmony plan and providing for a committee of twelve, six men and six women, to be named by the State chairman solely a committee of twenty-two, one man and one woman for each congressional district, to be reported to the conference and empowered to recommend a State ticket to the Democratic voters by March 10.

The committee of twelve comprised: A. G. Dewitt, Allentown; E. J. Lynett, Scranton; Frank Snyder, Clearfield; Charles F. McAvoy, Norristown; H. S. Dunham, Elmstown; William Alexander, Franklin; Mrs. Clarence E. Renshaw, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Mary Archer, Reading; Mrs. Marie O'Connell, Philadelphia; Mrs. John Murphy, Scranton; Mrs. Jean Kane Foulke Brown, West Chester, and Mrs. Henry Myers, Lewistown.

A further plan for county chairmen to call county harmony conferences was adopted on motion of B. J. Clark, Blaine.

The Democratic leaders, mostly friends of A. Mitchell Palmer and Vance McCormick, are talking of two World War veterans as gubernatorial possibilities.

One is Colonel Richard Coulter, Jr., of Greensburg. The other is Colonel E. C. Berry, of Chester, is not so strong today.

RAIL SITUATION CRITICAL

Col. McCrea Sees Transportation Famine When Business Revives

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—(By A. P.)—In the event of a sudden return of business to full production, the great Pittsburgh manufacturing district, as well as the rest of the country, will face one of the worst transportation famines in all history, said Colonel J. A. McCrea, vice president in charge of the Central Region of the Pennsylvania System, in an address before the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

"The situation confronting us concerns the shippers, as much as it does the managers of railroad properties," said Colonel McCrea. "For all of us to be doing nothing to prevent this coming traffic congestion seems to me to be unworthy of the brain of this country."

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., Feb. 24.—The following couples were granted marriage licenses here today: Frederick Mancini and Marie Conly, Philadelphia; Earl W. Rutherford and Helen E. MacHenry, Coatesville, Pa.; Earl F. Mason and Maude E. Hill, Morton, Pa.; James M. Brown and Pearl Hill, Wilmington; Frank Valler and Marie A. Keech, Pleasant Hill, Md.; and Joseph Stoll and Florence Michael, Pittman, N. J.

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