MINERS AND OPERATORS

In Conference Endeavoring to Effect an Agreement.

MANY OPPOSED TO UNIFORMITY.

The Labor Leaders at Wheeling and the Representatives of the Mines at Pittsburg-The Miners Awaiting the

Pittsburg, July 28 .- Eighty-nine coal companies' mines located in the Pittsburg district were represented at the coal operator's uniformity meeting here yesterday. The operators who ship by river and those owning mines in the Westmoreland field were not present The river operators held a meeting at the coal exchange this afternoon, and decided to take no part in the uniformity movement. No attention was paid to the call by the Westmoreland people. Very little was accomplished at the two sessions. The old uniformity agreement, with the new clauses inserted, were reported on by a committee, and the meeting today will take up the agreement by clauses for discussion. Where changes in the conditions since 1896 warrant different provisions, committees will be appointed to draw up clauses that will cover the points at issue. The only sensational incident of the day's sessions occurred when Colonel W. P. Rend presented a minority report on the uniformity agreement, denouncing the procedure of the meeting in severe terms and bolting the conference.

At 5 o'clock the committee reported the uniformity agreement with the new clauses and preamble prepared by the visiting arbitrators.

There seems to be considerable dissatisfaction with Mr. DeArmitt's announcement that the conference has no connection with the strike, and merely for the purpose of establishing uniformity. Many of the operators think, with Colonel Rend, that the meeting should devise some means to settle the strike as well as to provide for uniformity.

Reports to the miners' officials from throughout the district show everything quiet. All plans are being held in abeyance pending the action of the conference.

THE LABOR LEADERS.

In Session at Wheeling-Men and Op-

erators Waiting the Result. Wheeling, W. Va., July 28.-What is declared to be the most important and largest gathering of the heads of labor organizations of America ever held is now in session in this city. It is the conference of labor leaders called last week by President M. D. Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, and approved by Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, of which the miners' organization is a part. The purpose of the conference is to aid in a speedy and successful termination of the great coal strike. Sessions of the conference were held during yesterday and last night.

Samuel Gompers was chosen to preside, and Secretary Morrison, also of the Federation, was made secretary. Chairman Gompers called upon the miners' representatives to detail the situation. They were also asked to suggest in what manner the other laboring organizations could give their aid. President Ratchford, of the miners, addressed the conference at some length, stating fully the causes that had led to the suspension of work in the bituminous regions, and presented the conditions of the miners who are taking part in the strike. He did not propose anything in the way of recommendations as to what the organized labor of the country should do in aid of the strike, preferring that important subject to be left to the consideration of the conference. An appeal for aid was made in a general way. In the course of the remarks it was brought out that the miners believe that the hardest fight should be made at the works of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Coal company (DeArmitt's mine), in the Pittsburg district. This was considered fully as important a point as the West Virginia district.

Telegrams pledging financial aid for the miners were received from nearly all the heads of organizations that had not been able to attend on account of the short notice. Mr. Morrison says that the chief aim of the conference will be to affect a suspension of work in West Virginia and at the DeArmitt mines. The conference has not yet come to the point of believing it necessary to ask the firemen, conductors and brakemen to refuse to haul West Virginia

The conference adjourned at midnight. It was decided that President Gompers should act as a committee of one in arranging for sympathetic mass meetings all over the country on Aug. 5. Officers of the American Federation of Labor were requested to communicate with union organizations as to what shall be done to further the plan outlined in last night's appeal. Officers of the United Workers are to arrange the systematic work of 100 labor organizations in West Virginia, in which state and in Pennsylvania renewed efforts to make the strike general will be made.

Men and operators in the Fairmont region await a report of the Wheeling conference with anxiety. No new developments are reported in the region.

Miners Out at the Governor's Mine. Altoene, Pa., July 28 .- Five hundred or more miners at Hastings have gone out on strike because the operators of the Mitchell and Sterling mines refused to accept resolutions adopted by the miners at their meeting held on Saturday night. The Mitchell mines do not pay the district price. The Sterling mine pays the district price, but Superintendent Nicholson is obnoxious to the men because he has been deducting from their wages the price of one car out of every five. The men at Nicholson's mine are preparing to go to headquarters with their grievances. Believing that Superintendent Nicholson is operating the mines for the Sterling Coal company, of which Governor Hastings is president, they have decided that they will place their grievances before the governor, with the hope that he will take steps to lierics in this region. have the matter remedied.

DR. SWALLOW'S CHARGES.

He Replies in An Open Letter to Gov-

ernor Hastings' Challenge. Harrisburg, July 28.-Rev. Dr. Silas 2. Swallow has written an open letter to Governor Hastings in reply to his challenge to show fraud in the bill of \$56,590.26 for fitting up Grace Methodist Episcopal church for the use of the legislature after the destruction of the capitel.

The doctor offers to furnish the affidavits of four responsible furniture dealers in Philadelphia that on one week's notice they would have furnished desks for \$12 that the state paid \$25 for, and others at \$20 that the state paid \$37.50 for. Also the affidavits of steam heat experts that they would have done the job as satisfactorily for

\$4,000 as the state did it for \$15,000. "Every intelligent man," Dr. Swallow adds, "who has examined it knows that the job throughout cost the state cost over \$75,000 if I had not sounded governor, that you should call the attive schedule of prices under which vicious character has been under discussion by the people for at least three months. I commend your attempt to bind the legislative depart-

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Lancaster, Pa., July 24.-A 17-monthsold child of Calvin Bair, of Marietta, pulled a lighted lamp into its lap at the home of its grandparents at Columbia, and was burned to death.

Reading, Pa., July 27 .- Mrs. Mary Potts, aged 81 years, was found dead in the garden of her residence at Monocacy yesterday. An open window of her room overhead indicated that she had fallen out while trying to raise the window.

Punxsutawney, Pa., July 26 .- A boiler explosion Saturday night in the lumber mill of Kipp & Klsor, at Cortez, killed Pete Duff and seriously injured 10 others. The mill is badly wrecked. A 14-foot piece of boiler was ticket, but was defeated. Judge Doolitblown 400 feet. Two hundred men will be thrown out of work.

Norristown, Pa., July 27 .- J. Crawford Johnson, his wife and little daughter and Mrs. Johnson's sister are confined to their beds as the result of being poisoned by eating ice cream. They were seized with violent retching soon after eating the cream. It was several hours before they were out of danger,

Allentown, Pa., July 24 .-- While driving home from Klotz's mill, Ambrose Schultz, of Hereford, was seized with an epileptic fit and fell. His feet caught in the seat. The horse ran away and dragged him nearly a mile, with his head bumping on the roadway. He was dead when found, his skull being shall go through the channel they have

Altoona, Pa., July 27 .- Eleven empty cars ran half a mile down the steep he is away, and whatever appointments railroad leading up to the Altoona Coal are made will be announced here. and Coke company's mines above Kittanning Point yesterday, and piled into Starvation Wages Will Cause a Strike jumping, but Fireman Thomas Grey was caught in the wreckage and badly injured. All of the cars and the tender of the locomotive were smashed.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 24.-The Kunkel fire alarm bill, which required theatres, schoolhouses, mercantile establishments, hospitals and hotels to be provided with a fire alarm system, to connect with the municipal system. was vetoed yesterday by Governor Hastings on the ground that it it is better to leave to the municipalities the freedom which they now have to adopt such system and such appliances as they may deem best, unhampered and uncontrolled by any act of assembly.

Harrisburg, July 27 .- Governor Hastings approved yesterday the first and second specific appropriations, amounting to \$150,000, and disapproved the third and fourth specific appropriations, amounting to \$50,000, in the bill appropriating \$200,000 to the Lehigh university at Bethlehem. The executive also approved the first, third and ourth specific appropriations, amountng to \$4,000, in the bill appropriating \$5,944.34 to the trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Wernersville. The governor vetoed the Speer bill, enlarging, modifying and defining the powers of third class cities.

Philadelphia, July 26 .- Frederick Bientzle, an aged man, who acted as superintendent in the saloon of his brother, August Blentlze, at the northwest corner of Fifth and Lehigh avenue, was electrocuted Saturday evening by the current which supplied light and furnished motive power for the fans in the saloon. Death was instantaneous. Through accident the victim made his oody a conductor of the current by placing one hand on a swithboard and the other on an iron radiator and instantly his life was blotted out, his only struggle being an involuntary shuffling of the feet.

Easton, Pa., July 24.-The storm that raged here all yesterday afternoon did a great deal of damage, especially in the country districts. In Warren coun-N. J., several farmhouses, barns and hay stacks were struck by lightning. At Flicksville, this county, the growing crops suffered from the hall. Trainmen on the eastern divisions of the railroads report the storm as unprecedented in sections of New Jersey. The hail is said to have seriously, if not totally, ruined the Huntingdon county peach crop. Farmers who have cut their grain, but who have not had an opportunity to house it, will lose heavily.

Hazelton, Pa., Jul 24.-The old Sugar Loaf mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, which has been filled with water for the past twenty years, was successfully tapped Thursday night. This work has been in progress many months, and its completion is regarded as a marvel of engineering skill. A shaft was first sunk; then a bore hole was driven 1,285 feet, which pierced the barrier, as indicated. The drawing off of the water will take several months, as there are several hundred acres of water there. It gives the mine a natural drainage and reclaims one of the most valuable colTHE NEW TARIFF LAW.

Treasury Department Decides It Op-

erative Midnight, July 23. Washington,, July 27 .- The secretary of the treasury holds that the new tariff act was in effect at the beginning of the day on which it received the approval of the president, and therefore became operative after midnight on Friday, July 23. Assistant Secretary Howell today sent the following telegram to collectors of customs: partment holds that new tariff law covers and includes all customs business of July 24."

The treasury department expects its decision in regard to when the Dingley bill went into effect to be tested in court, but the secretary and his assistants are confident that their ruling that the bill covered all day of Saturday, July 24, will be upheld.

The treasury officials already have discovered a number of inconsistencies in the new tariff act, some of them, it three prices, and I know it would have is feared, being incapable of reconciliation. It is pointed out that secthe alarm last February. I am amazed, tion 262 places the duty on plums at 25 cents per bushel, and section 264 tention of the public to the competi- fixes the rate at 2 cents per pound. Another section fixes the rate of duty on the church was fitted up, since its hides of cattle at 15 cents a pound, and admits raw skins free. A question is involved in the classification of calf skins, it being contended that, commercially, calf skins are not classed ment of the state government to even as hides of cattle, and hence are encompulsory honesty. But do not, I titled to free entry, which is believed SUFFER FROM "FLAT FEET." pray you, neglect the executive depart- to be contrary to the purpose of congress.

> Ex-Senator Doolittle Dead. Providence, July 28. - Ex-United States Senator Doolittle, of Wisconsin, died vesterday at the home of his laughter, at Edgewood, near this city. of Bright's disease. He was 82 years of age. In 1856 he was chosen United tates senator from Wisconsin, in succession to Henry Dodge, as a Democrat-Republican, and served three terms. In his last term as senator Judge Doolittle forfeited his standing as a Republican by contesting the impeachment of President Johnson, other Republican senators who took a like position being William Pitt Fessenden. of Maine, and Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois. After retiring from the senate Judge Doolittle made the race for governor of Wisconsin on the Democratic tle's death occurred on the sixtleth anniversary of his marriage.

The President Desires Rest.

Washington, July 28 .- The presidential party left here at noon for their vacation on the shores of Lake Champlain. The chief executive desires to obtain as far as possible a complete rest from official duties during his absence, and for this reason it is probable that but few appointments will be made during that time. It is stated at the White House that all papers sent to the president at his summer home will be mailed to Washington without being opened. It is the intention that all papers intended for him heretofore followed. The president, it is said, will look over no papers while

a locomotive which was shifting cars. | New York, July 28.-Local Union No. Engineer George Seger escaped by 1 of the United Brotherhood of Cloak Makers met last night to complete arrangements for the big strike of the organization scheduled for Aug. 15 next. All present were in favor of the ordering out of the 12,000 cloakmakers in this city. As an instance of the starvation wages now being paid by the manufacturers, Jacob Silverman stated that for 63 hours in the employ of a leading firm he was remunerated with \$1.35, a week's wages. It is claimed that the operators, who were formerly paid 65 cents for jackets, now get 18 cents, and operators on capes are paid 7 cents, while they formerly got 25 cents.

Swims the English Channel. London, July 26 .- Peter McNally, the Boston swimmer, who was scheduled to make an attempt to swim the English channel on July 4, telegraphed yesterday from Calias that he made the crossing Saturday. He says that he started from Dover at 11:30 o'clock Baturday morning and was in the water 15 hours, in which he covered 35 miles. He landed at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a point three miles from Cape Griz Nez.

Appointments by the President. Washington, July 27 .- The president has decided to appoint Hon. Robert J. Tracewell, of Indiana, for the position of comptroller of the treasury. The recent appointment of T. V. Pow derly as commissioner of immigration was signed by the president yesterday afternoon Mr. Powderly's nomination for that office failed of confirmation in the senate because of the opposition to him on the part of labor organiza-

May Be Andree's Balloon.

Rotterdam, July 28 .- A letter from Captain Lehman, of the Dutch steamer Dordrecht, appears in one of the papers of this city to the effect that he saw a curious object floating in the White sea on July 17, which was neither a ship nor a dead whale, but resembled a balloon, and Captain Lehman suggests that it may have been Andree's balloon which he saw.

Americans the Lowest Bidgers. London, July 28 .- In the house of ommons Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, in reply to a question why the East India railway. owned by the government, had purchased 7,703 tons of rails from the Maryland Steel company, of Baltimore, sald that the lowest British bid was £8,675 higher than the America tender.

Sarcasm on Annexation. London, July 27 .- The Daily Chroni-

cle this morning says, with reference to the question of the annexation of Hawaii by the United States: "In the present state of feeling in the United States, Japan's dignified protest might Niagara."

Torpedo Boat Delivered. Washington, July 28. - The torpedo boat Foote was yesterday delivered to Baltimore. She will immediately be put 212 miles .-- Berlin Gazette.

BILIN SOAP ITH MARTHY.

Lord, how I miss them good ole days W'en life was full o' hope An me an Marthy Ellen Hays Was sparkin b'ilin soap. The potash kittle we use' to have It hilt three bar'ls clear,

An so Mis' Hays an ma 'ud save Their scap grease fer a year An plan to bile it "on the sheer," Bein nex' door neighbors so, An ast if me an Marthy'd keer To kind o' boss the show.

The kittle was sot in the orchard lot W'ere nobody'd come an spy, An I'd snake the kags o' soap scraps out On our stunbost, an Marthy'd try To ketch a ride an couldn't hol on 'Thout grabbin me roun the wais'.

I thought that heaven was shinin upon My heart in that sweet embrace. I'd the fire to light an the lye to bring
As it dripped from the wood ash leach
An Marthy to watch as she'd set an sing As putty as a peach.

By each little cunnin trick
O'grace an beauty an swayin form
As she stirred the soap 'ith a stick.
An her sunbunnit fell f'um her golden curls— Oh, shucks! I couldn't hope To tell how fair was that fairest o' girls As she stirred the b'ilin soap.

An my yearnin senses was took by storm

It's kind o' lonesome a-settin here An thinkin them ole times over. Wut? Marthy? Hain't seen 'er fer seven-teen year. Sence she married that down east drover.

-J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

How the Breaking Down of the Arch Is Remedied by a Steel Strip.

Despite the fact that the beauty of a well arched foot is much appreciated by people of an artistic turn of mind, has been sung frequently by poets and versemakers, there has been until lately little interest, from a scientific point of view, taken in its direct opposite-the flat foot. In a great number of instances flat feet are the occasion of considerable keen suffering, generally resulting from the breaking down of the arch-that is, the displacement of some of the many little bones of the foot either from overstrain or some disease of the muscular structure. As the weight of the body constantly rests upon the foot, there is no opportunity for the bones to get back to their proper places. The result is that these little bones

keep rubbing against each other, and the pain gets more and more severe. Commonly the person afflicted in this way thinks that he or she has rheumatism and lets it go at that. Until recently the only remedy was a steel soled shoe that was clumsy and heavy. The new device is interesting. It is an "insole," curved to fit the foot, made of a bent strip of steel and acting as a spring. It is covered either with leather or with vulcapized rubber to prevent rusting. and, needing no fastening, but simply to be placed in position, it can be changed from one shoe to another at will.

In position it acts simply as a support, literally holding up the bones and giving them an opportunity to slip back into their proper places. While any "insole" of the approximate shape will give relief, the best results are reached only when one is especially made from a cast or impression of the foot. A great reportion of the people troubled with flat feet come from the north of Europe, many of them from the lowlands of Germany. The inhabitants of the south or Europe, strangely enough, are seldom troubled with anything of the sort. Their insteps, especially in the case of women, are nearly always highly arched and finely formed. - New York Tribune.

"Horses With Wheels."

"It was in the early days of railroading in the south," remarked the gentleman with the stock of reminiscences the other day. "I was located in Florida about the time when the government had made vassals of the Seminole Indians of that state, and in order to impress the redoubtable Billy Bowlegs, the Te cumseh of the Seminoles, it had invited that 'heap big chieftain' to make a trip to the seat of the national government. Billy was a bit dubious about accepting the invitation, fearing possibly that the great father at Washington might have designs upon his life or happiness, but he was prevailed upon to make the trip, and he embarked on board of the train with a great show of courage. The trains of that period were not the fliers of today-in fact, on many of the short lines the engineers were compelled to get out of their cabs and walk to lighten the train and permit it to proceed at an even rate of speed. When Billy Bowlegs returned from his visit, he had overcome his trepidation and looked with seern upon the locomotives. I visited Billy a day or two after his return and asked him how he liked traveling on the iron horse. " 'Huh,' he said, with an upward

twist of his prominent proboscis, 'horse wid wheels no good! Big heap no good! Me on horse better than two. Run way all time. White man heap smart. Injun heap better. Huh!' "-New Orieans Times-Democrat.

He Walked Far Too Far.

In a hotel in Berlin there is a night watchman who did not take kindly to the system adopted a few years ago requiring him to go through the hotel at certain hours and touch an electric button fixed up in various places.

After much thought he fixed up an automatic arrangement on several of the buttons so that they would report at certain hours. Soon the button system got so out of order that the management abolished it.

It was found necessary to keep watch in some way on the gentleman, however, and finally a pedometer was given him to carry on his rounds which would register every step be took. All went well the first two nights thereafter, but as well be addressed to the Falls of on the morning following the third night the old man was missing. On search being made he was found sound asleep in the engine room, and the pe dometer so attached to the piston rod of the government at the Norfolk navy- the engine that with every stroke it regyard by the representatives of the istered a step. It had been traveling all builders, the Columbian Iron works, of night, and when taken off it registered

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For more than 5 years I have had a very bad case of eye trouble and catarrh. The eyes continual got sore and grew weaker and weaker.

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Witnessed by A. J. Kimbely.

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