

### TO ABOLISH STRIKING.

Representatives of Capital and Labor For Industrial Peace.

### NECESSITY FOR CO-OPERATION.

Charles R. Flint Declares There Is No Room For Strife Between the Producing Classes, and Gompers Would Protect Honest Employers.

New York, May 8.—Conciliation as a means of maintaining industrial peace between labor and capital was discussed by leaders of unionism and finance at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. The meeting was arranged by the industrial department of the National Civic Federation and all of the contributors to the symposium were leaders in their several fields of activity. They met upon common ground and were a unit in the hope that strife would be eliminated from the relations of employer and toiler and a perpetual truce declared.

The speakers were Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Bishop Potter, John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America; Charles R. Flint, president of the American Rubber company; Daniel J. Keene, of the Illinois board of arbitration; William H. Sayward, of the National Association of Builders; James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, and Herman Justi, commissioner of the Illinois Coal Operators' association.

Samuel Gompers presided, and in opening the meeting expressed the hope that a new epoch had come in the relations of labor and capital. "We want industrial peace, but not at the sacrifice of any of the elements of manhood," he said. "The increased growth in the organization of labor has brought greater responsibility. The work is going ahead actively, however, and we are meeting our problems in a practical way. We are dealing with living men and living women and living children in the hope of better things for all. The laboring people insist that they be regarded as something more than wage earners. They are men with rights, and hopes, and aspirations, and love." He expressed the belief that the plan of conciliation should be aided by every man who was against strife and for peace. He said that the unions sought to do injustice to no man, but were formed to conserve the rights of those who formed them.

Bishop Potter expressed his gratification at the growth of the spirit of conciliation. He noted a growth of intelligence and open mindedness among workmen, and said that upon it could be built the highest hope for the future. He added that at the same time there was a greater interest manifested on the part of employers in the lives and conditions of their men.

John Mitchell said that he was for peace because he had known the bruises of war. "The relations of labor and capital," he said, "are purely a business proposition. There is no sentiment in it. Peace is better for both, and I am for peace if we can have an honorable peace. I believe there never would be strikes if the employers and employes could meet in fair conference. If we could have got a hearing last year the great coal strike would have been averted." He said the public was a party to every strike, and should be consulted. He hoped that the Chamber of Commerce of New York would lead its mighty aid to the conciliation plan.

Charles R. Flint, the capitalist, was humorously introduced as the walking delegate of the American Rubber company, who worked 14 hours a day. He expressed his confidence in the good that would come of closer relationship between capital and labor, and said that in this, the greatest industrial evolution the world had ever known, there was no room for strife between American labor and American capital.

Daniel J. Keefe said that conciliation was more acceptable than arbitration, for in the latter system there had to be a decision defeating one side or the other.

William H. Sayward supported Mr. Mitchell's contention that the relation of the two great industrial forces was purely of a business nature. He said the laborer did not want sympathy, but good, square treatment, and when he got it he generally returned good, square treatment. He believed that employers should meet their men in a greater spirit of frankness.

James O'Connell said that in the metal trades employers and toilers had learned the benefits of organization and mutual concessions. He was sure the conciliation movement would do great good.

Herman Justi said: "Under the old dispensation employer and toiler sought for differences; under the new dispensation they seek points of agreement. Our national prosperity, depends upon the steady employment of every wage earner at a decent wage, and I believe every employer in the country with a heart in his breast or a brain in his head knows it."

Samuel Gompers, in closing, said that the thorough organization of labor preaged complete protection for the honest employer against his dishonest competitor who "nibbled" at prices.

**Vanderbilt's Railroad Victory.**  
New York, May 8.—The Mail and Express says: "There is excellent authority for the statement that William K. Vanderbilt has carried the day in the contest for the control of the Union Pacific railroad, and that he intends to put through his plan for annexing it to the Vanderbilt system. His idea is that it shall be controlled by the Chicago and Northwestern and New York Central jointly."

### A HOLOCAUST IN CHICAGO.

Seven Dead and Three Fatally Injured—A Faith Healer's Folly.

Chicago, May 6.—Seven persons were burned to death, three fatally injured and several others slightly burned and otherwise injured in a fire that destroyed a three story apartment building at 9316 Marquette avenue, South Chicago, early yesterday.

The dead: Mrs. Josephine Cooley; Mabel Cooley, aged 6 years, daughter of Mrs. Cooley; Annie Cooley, 15 months old, daughter of Mrs. Cooley; Peter Zook, owner of the building; Mrs. Peter Zook, Victoria Zook and Nicholas Zook.

The fire was fraught with an incident of the most distressing character. The little 2-year-old daughter of Christiansen, who lived on the third floor, was terribly burned, her left arm and her face being roasted. Her father, a follower of Dr. Dowle, refused to allow the little one to have medical attention, and fought desperately when she was taken from him. He clung to the burned arm of the child, and part of the flesh was torn from the member. When finally the police forced him to give up the little one he cursed them and prayed that they might be punished for subjecting his child to the worldly science of medicine. The father was knocked down by some person in the crowd and barely escaped lynching.

### THE PENNSYLVANIA MINE BILLS.

Senate Committee Reports Three of the Measures Favorably.

Harrisburg, May 8.—The senate committee on mines and mining gave a public hearing last night on the mining bills that passed the house and are now in the senate committee. Delegations representing the miners and the operators were present and both sides were fully heard. The bills before the committee are: No. 214, increasing the number of mine inspectors from 8 to 16, and providing that they be elected by the electors residing in the counties that produce anthracite coal; 215, providing for the weighing of coal by the ton instead of by the car; 216, providing for a check weighman, who shall represent and be paid by the miners and who shall be present when the coal is weighed; 217, requiring the weighing of coal before it is screened; 243, providing for a medical room at the bottom of shafts, so that in case injured workmen cannot be brought to the surface they can be treated in the mine.

The committee held an executive session at the conclusion of the hearing and decided to report to the senate favorably numbers 214, 217 and 243. Some of the mine workers' representatives were not altogether pleased that the committee did not report out No. 215. They regard this bill by far the most important.

### MARYLAND'S REVISED CENSUS.

It Reduces the State's Population by Nearly Two Thousand.

Washington, May 8.—Director Merritt, of the census, announces the result of the official investigation of the alleged census irregularities in St. Mary's, Charles and Anne Arundel counties, Maryland. The names of 1,155 persons entered on the original schedule in St. Mary's county will be eliminated, and the names of 201 persons then omitted will be added to the final returns. The population of St. Mary's county, as revised, is 17,182. In Charles county 783 names have been stricken from the original returns and 193 added. This makes the revised population of Charles county 17,726. In Anne Arundel county 1,558 names have been dropped and 1,132 added, making the county's revised population figures 39,592. The official statement of the population of Maryland will be revised accordingly.

### The Lees Returning to Virginia.

Omaha, May 8.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and his family, including his son, Lieutenant George F. Lee, left Omaha yesterday to return to their old Virginia home, where they have resided but little since Gen. Lee, 15 years ago, became governor of Virginia and moved to Richmond. Lieutenant Lee was mustered out of the service yesterday, he having been an officer of the Thirtieth infantry, which ceased to exist yesterday, at San Francisco. Since his father came to Omaha he has been on detached service at these headquarters.

### Cuba Will Accept Platt Amendment.

Havana, May 8.—The special commission of the Cuban constitutional convention, which returned here from Washington May 5, did not make any recommendations to the convention in their report at a secret session yesterday afternoon. Although the majority of the commissioners are in favor of accepting the Platt amendment, the report covers only the facts of the conference at Washington. The radical element admits the convention will accept the amendment.

### A Warning to Gamblers.

Freehold, N. J., May 8.—Judge J. Franklin Fort, in charging the grand jury here yesterday, called attention in a forcible manner to the alleged gambling places in operation at Long Branch. He said that gambling has been carried on there in an open and notorious manner, and further said: "The gambling places along the Atlantic coast in this county must not open this summer without knowing that if they do they will be dealt with as severely as the law permits."

### England's War Casualties.

London, May 7.—The war office officially gives out the total number of deaths in the South African war at 714 officers and 14,264 men. Four officers and 314 men have been invalided home and subsequently died, and 2,493 non-commissioned officers and men have left the service unfit for duty.

### JACKSONVILLE'S WOE.

Fire Played Terrible Havoc in the Florida City.

FIFTEEN OR TWENTY ARE DEAD,

But the Number of Lives Lost Will Not Be Known For Several Days. Property Loss Estimated at \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 6.—The hunger of 10,000 homeless people was satisfied yesterday upon the arrival of relief trains and boats bringing provisions from neighboring towns. Early in the morning a commissary was established in the center of the city, and thousands were fed during the day. The relief fund is growing hourly and every mail brings offers of assistance.

It is estimated that 6,000 persons have left the city, and every outgoing train is crowded with refugees.

Rumors of loss of life are on every hand. Many persons have confirmed the report of loss of life at the Market street wharf, where a number of persons were compelled to jump overboard. Several days must elapse before the full death list can be made out, but according to present reports it will reach 15 or 20.

Martial law is being strictly enforced, and the town is quiet.

The work of relief is progressing systematically. The relief association today adopted a constitution and made the temporary organization permanent, with C. E. Garner president and J. R. Parrott vice president.

The following are the dead so far recovered:

Harry D. Bonatheau and Will Clark, white, and an unknown negro, found in the river today at the foot of Market street, where they were cut off by the flames.

Mrs. Bernella Thompson, widow of the late Gen. Waddy Thompson, bones found in ruins of Old Ladies' Home.

Martha Hagan, a negro woman, found at Ocean and State streets.

One other unknown negro is reported found in the river, but the report is not confirmed.

Many carloads of provisions have been received and are being received daily, while cash is coming in from all sections. From present indications there is no fear of a famine.

The following official statement has been issued by the relief committee:

"The city of Jacksonville on Friday, May 3, was visited by one of the most horrible and appalling calamities that has ever happened in any community of modern times. About noon of that day a fire was discovered in a small Palmetto fiber factory in the extreme western portion of the city. A high wind was then blowing to the eastward, carrying the flames over the heads of the firemen. The fire spread with such rapidity that our citizens had great difficulty in leaving their homes and places of business. In many cases they barely escaped with their lives, and we regret to say that a number were burned to death or drowned in their efforts to escape from the flames. The number at this time we have been unable to ascertain, although five bodies have been taken from the ruins, and from 10,000 to 15,000 persons are homeless.

"The burnt area extends east and west about two miles and north and south varying from one-half to three-quarters of a mile. In this area was situated the oldest and most populous portion of the city, embracing all classes of people, high and low, rich and poor. The flames carried before them homes, churches and all the public buildings save one. More than half of the business section was also consumed. The property loss aggregated from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

"All contributions of money should be sent to A. M. Ives, treasurer, and all supplies should be sent to Jacksonville Relief association."

There are now several tented villages in the city, with cots and blankets, and a water supply in almost every village for the sufferers. There are also several extra commissary stations in various parts of the city to relieve the situation at the two already established, and there is one in each village of tents.

### Street Car Trip in Five Towns.

Albany, May 8.—The employees of the United Traction company, which operates the street surface car lines in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Watervliet and Rensselaer, went on a strike at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The car lines in the five cities are completely tied up. The men want complete recognition of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees and the discharge of seven non-union men employed by the company. They also want extra men paid the same rate per hour as regular men.

### English Tax on Coal.

London, May 7.—The house of commons last night adopted the coal tax by a vote of 333 to 227. Consequently the tax of a shilling a ton on export coal was adopted by a majority of 106. These figures, apparently, do not represent the feeling of the members of the house, but the government made the issue strictly a party one and secured the record attendance for this parliament and by vigorous efforts polled within a score of the normal majority.

### Higher Wages For Ten Thousand.

Harrisburg, May 8.—The following notice was posted yesterday at the Pennsylvania steel works, Steelton: "Beginning June 1, the wages at the Pennsylvania steel works will be restored to the rates in force before Jan. 1, 1901. This is an advance of about 10 per cent." The company employs nearly 7,000 persons.

**Ten Lost Years**

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"I was so weak I did not have breath to walk across my room," writes Miss Isabel Miller, of New Providence, Calhoun Co., Ky. "My periods occurred too often and the hemorrhage would be prolonged and the loss of blood very excessive. I also had spells which the doctor said were fainting fits. I did not gain strength from one monthly period to another; was very weak and nervous all the time. I was confined to my bed for three months and the doctor told me I would never be any better. I lived in this way from sixteen years old to twenty-three. I was at last advised by a kind friend to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which I did, and before I had taken two bottles of it I could work all day. I took in all six bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and about five vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets. I used no other medicine. I have never had a return of this trouble since."

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