TWO CENTS.

ADJOURNED

MINE WORKERS

HAVE

No Endorsement of Miners'

TORNADO SWEEPS **SOUTHERN TEXAS**

Terrible Havoc Wrought Along the ton is extremely grave, with no possible hope of news from that section for many hours to come. Gulf Coast by the West Indian Storm.

WHOLE TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT

Many Lives Are Lost—Trains Are Wrecked, Telegraph Lines Destroyed and Valuable Stocks of goods and house furniture are ruined and crops are a total loss. Property and Crops Are in Ruins—Over lants. 2,600 Are Drowned and 4,000 Houses Are Destroyed at Galveston—A Santa Fe Train Literally Lifted from the Track Near Houston-Seven Persons Are Killed at Alvin-Not a Building Left Standing at Alvin. Mrs. Prather, of Rensburg. Alta.

A wreck of a vessel, which looked

dred horses and mules were seen, but

The scenes during the storm, Mr.

Timmins said, could not be described

Women and children were crowded

into the Tremont hotel, where he was

unfortunates were bemoaning their

losses of kindred and fortune. They

were grouped about the stairways and

in the galleries and rooms of the hotel. What was occurring in other parts of

The City Submerged.

ated and the water is so high people

cannot walk out by way of the bridge

across the bay, even should that bridge

Provisions will be badly needed, as

great majority of the people lost all

they had. The water works' power

ine is threatened, as the cisterns were

all rulned by the overflow of salt water.

This, Mr. Timmins regards as the most

serious problem to be faced now. The

city is in darkness, the electric plant

having been ruined. There is no way

of estimating the property damage at

hear, Mr. Timmins says the eastern

portion of the city, which is the resi-

dence district, has been practically

wiped out of existence. On the west

end, which faces the gulf on another

the bath houses are in the sand, and

TOWNS DEMOLISHED.

Loma and Other Places.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 9, 3 p. m .- Tele-

graphic communication with South

miles north of Houston. Up to this

reliable news from Galveston as to the

extent of the hurricane in that sec-

tion. Rumors of dire disaster are fly-

ing thick and fast, without being in

any way authenticated. All that is

known is that the disaster has oc-

curred, but its extent is not known.

The last wire the Western Union com-

12,30 this morning. This wire was used

by the Associated Press, and was

working so badly at that hour that

whatever information Houston had to

impart could not be made out. The

storm center is rapidly approaching

Northern Texas, and its fury wrecks

all telegraph lines in its path, doing

vast damage and killing people in

A cyclone has demolished a part of

the town of Smithville, on the Mis-

number of persons are reported killed,

The railroad and telegraph companies

have gangs and wrecking trains out

attempting to work their way south

but the flerceness of the storm makes

headway, having to seek shelter in

order to save their lives. The condi-

undoubtedly grave. The four immense

bridges, from four to six miles each in

mainland, are either wholly or par-

Disaster at Temple.

fears are entertained that the city is

badly wrecked. The railroad officials

say it is impossible to move trains

from Houston last night were from

A private message from San Antonio

states that a serious disaster occurred

at Corpus Christi, Rockport and other

coast towns, the nature of which can-

Smithville at noon stated that

not be determined. A bulletin from

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The city of Galveston, he says, is

the rallroads cannot be oper-

the city he could only conjecture.

no human bodies were visible.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 9.-The West I on the schooner rescued two sallors Indian storm, which reached the guif from the middle bay who had been yesterday morning, wrought many hours in the water. These men awful havor in Texas. Reports are were foreigners, and he could gain no conflicting, but it is known that an information from them. appalling disaster has befallen the city of Galveston, where it is reported a like a large steam tug, was observed thousand or more lives have been just before the party landed. In the blotted out and a tremendous prop- bay the carcasses of nearly two hunerty damage incurred. Meager reports from Sabine Pass and Port Arthur also indicate a heavy loss of life, but these reports cannot be confirmed at this

The first news to reach this city from the stricken city of Galveston was received tonight. James C. Timmins, who resides in Houston and who is the general superintendent of the National Compress company, arrived in the city at so'clock touight from Galveston He was one of the first to reach here tidings of the great disaster which has befallen that city, and the pagnitude of that disaster remains to told, because of his endeavors to each home. After remaining through on Saturday he from Galveston on a schooner and came across the bay to Morgan's point, where he caught a train for Houston. The hurricane, Mr. Timmins said, was the worst ever known.

The estimates made by citizens of Galveston was that four thousand house was wrecked, and a water famhouses, most of them residences, have been destroyed, and that at least 1,000 people have been drowned, killed or missing. Some business houses were also destroyed, but most of them stood, though badly damaged.

Galveston a Wreck.

The city, Mr. Timmins avers, is complete wreck, so far as he could see from the water front and from the Tremont hotel. Water was blown over the island by the hurricane, the wind blowing at the rate of eighty miles an hour straight from the gulf and forcing the sea water before it in his waves. The gale was a steady one, the heart of it striking the city about 5 o'clock yesterday evening and continuing without intermission until midnight last night, when it abated somewhat, although it continued to blow

Of his own knowledge, Mr. Timmins knew of only one house succumbing with fatal results, though he heard of many residences being carried Texas is cut off about one hundred away with inmates. The house that he saw destroyed was Ritter's saloon hour it has been impossible to obtain and restaurant at 2199 Strand street, a principal business street of the city. This three-story building was blown down and nine men, prominent citizens, were killed.

Among the dead are: Charles Keler, sr., a cotton buyer for an English firm: Stanley C. Spencer, general manager of the Elder-Dempster steamship line, and Richard Lord, manager for McFadden's Cotton company, whose body is still in the ruins.

Secretary Balley, of the wharf company, and several walters and customers saved themselves by jumping from the upper story just before the

crash came. It was reported that the orphan asylum and both the hospitals were destroyed, and if this proves true the locs af lofe will be great, as these institutions were generally crowded, and as they were substantial buildngs, the chances are that many had

taken refuge in them. Ships Driven Ashore.

The water extended across the isand. Mr. Timmins said it was it impossible for them to gain any hree feet deep in the rotunda of the headway, having to seek shelter in Market street. Along the water front tions at Galveston and Houston are he damage was very great. The roofs and been blown from all the elevators and the sheds along the wharves were length, connecting Galveston with the either wrecked or had lost their sides and were of no protection to the contents. Most of the small sailing craft were wrecked and were either piled up on the wharves or floating bottom side up in the bay There is a small steamship ashore three miles north of Petican island, but Mr. Timmins could not distinguish her name. She was flying south of Courtney. North-bound trains a British flag. Another big versel has been driven ashore at Virginia Point lifteen to eighteen hours late. and still another is aground at Texas City. At the south point of Houston Island an unknown ship lies in a helpless condition. The lightship that marks Galveston bar is hard and fast

aground at Bollivar Point. Mr. Timmins and the men with him grain elevators and other large build- the loss of life at Galveston at 2,600.

All the railroads southward from Dallas at noon issued a bulletin instructing their agents to discontinue the sale of tickets or accepting freight for the south until further orders. All the efforts to reach Sabine Pass and Port Arthur have failed. Without atdisastrous rumors, the conservative opinion is that the situation at Galves-

Towns Demolished.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 9.-Meagre reports are arriving here from the country between Houston and Galveston along the line of the Santa Fe railroad. The tornado was the most destructive in the history of the state. The town of Alvin is reported to be practically demolished. Hitchcock

has suffered severely from the storm, while the little town of Alta Loma is reported without a house standing. The town of Pearl has test one-half of its buildings.
L. B. Carlton, the president of the

business league of Alvin and a prominent merchant there, reports that not a building is left standing in the Alvin is a town of about 1,200 inhabi-

Seven persons were killed in and near the town. They are: Mrs. Prather, killed in Santa Fe railroad wreck; J. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. M. name not known; S. O. Lewis, John Glaspy, a boy named Richardson,

The Santa Fe train which left here at 7.55 Saturday night was wrecked at a point about two miles north of Texas, was killed and several were injured. The train was running slowwhen it encountered the heavy storm. It is reported that the train was literally lifted from the track. Mrs. Prather was thrown across the ear and half way through a window. When the car was reached it was found that her head had been under water and she was drowned.

Among the injured are: A. J. Condit, of Houston; R. C. Henderson, of Houston: Engineer Jack Martin, bad-ly burt about chest and leg; Fireman Thomas Doyle, Conductor G. H. Donnelly. Several other passengers were also slightly injured.

DEATH AND DESOLATION.

Story of the Crew of the Train on seeking shelter, and all night these Columbian Tap Railroad.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 9 .- A train ame in on the Columbian Tap railroad this afternoon and its crew tell a story of death and desolation through the country which they passed. Conductor Ferguson states that many lives Payne, vice chairman of the Republihave been lost and houses, barns and crops destroped.

now entirely submerged and cut off from communication. The boats are all the churches, the fall and a num- proceeded to the station of the Miluses had been blown down Three fatalities are known to have occurred, but the train stopped there only a few minutes and the number killed could not be learned.

The hurricane was particularly severe at Brookshire, twenty-seven miles west of Houston. bodies have been taken from the debris of wrecked houses and it is believed that others have been killed. It is reported that only four houses are left standing in Brookshire, which had population of 600 people

Later reports received from Alvin state that many persons were killed Without Substantial Change, Acthere, Eleven bodies have been recovered.

At Brazoria six people were killed by falling houses or were drowned last night, including George Duff. A report from Chenango says that

portion of the Island, much havoc was eight people were killed. done. The beach has been swept clean, Among the passengers who arrived many of the residences are total is Ben Dew, an attache of the Southern Pacific. Dew had been at Virhe saw 100 to 150 dead bodies floating out on the beach at that Reports of Disaster at Alvin, Alta, place.

Conductor Powers reported that twenty-five corpses had been recovered omen; that the crew had reported that many bodies were floating and them all out of the water. The water swept across the island, and it is presumed that most of these were Gatveston people.

RELIEF TRAIN RETURNS.

Terrible Spectacle Presented at Virginia Point.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 9.—The following telegram has just been received from Houston by the News:

"Relief train just returned. They ould not get closer than six miles to Virginia Point, where the prairie was covered with lumber, debris, pianos, trunks and dead bodies. Two hundred corpses were counted from the train. "A large steamer is stranded two

though thrown up by a tidal wave. "Nothing can be seen of Galveston "Two men were picked up who floated across to the mainland, who say they estimate the loss of life, up to the time they left, at two thousand." The above message is addressed to

Superintendent Felton, Dallas, and

miles this side of Virginia Point, as

comes from Mr. Vaughan, manager of the Western Union office at Houston, Port Arthur Under Water. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 9.-A special

to the Commercial Appeal, from New Orleans, says: "A dispatch from St. Charles, La. states that passengers from Port Arthur, Texas, report that town four

feet under water. "One of the New York Dredge company's boats was wrecked and several

"At Morgan City considerable dam age was done to the rails and bridges of the railroad by a boat being blown into it

sage was received this evening fixing

Latest from Galveston. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 9.-A special from New Orleans stated that a mes-

ings at Galveston had been washed The message came by cable from Vera Cruz.

Damage to the Rice Crop.

New Orleans, Sept. 9 .- A trip over the storm stricken section along the Mississippi river, starting some thirty miles below the city and reaching the gulf, shows a damage of about one hundred thousand dollars to the rict crop. Truck farms, poultry, cattle and The river rose six feet during the torm and flooded the section. and flooded the section.

The disabled steamer Oteri was towed into Port hads this evening all

Governor's Despatch.

New York, Sept. 9.-The World tonorrow will print the following: "Austin, Texas, Sept. 9 .- Informaion has just reached me that about 2,000 lives have been lost at Galveston with enormous destruction of property. No information from other points. "Joseph D. Sayers, Governor."

LACKAWANNA'S MEN AT BINGHAMTON

Five Brotherhoods Hold a Federation Meeting-Main Object Is to Protest Against Mr. Russell's

Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 9.-The five brotherhoods of the Lackawanna employes held a federation meeting in this city today. One of the principal features of the meeting was the federating of the locomotive engineers of hoods, something they have never done before. This movement will material-Lackawanna employes,

the delegates as to the business transcircular orders issued by Superintendasked to rescind them. Some of the orders pertain to stopping trains on the top of cars. The date of the next meeting was not definitely decided.

ROOSEVELT AT CHICAGO.

The Governor Attends Church with Mr. Kohlsaat.

Chicago, Sept. 9 .- The day was spent quietly by Governor Roosevelt at the Auditorium Annex. In the morning he attended the Dutch Reformed church with H. H. Kohlsaat, and in the afternoon went to dinner with Henry C. can national committee. The remainder of the day he spent in his When the train arrived at Angleton room. Between 10 and 11 o'clock he journeyed from New York, and went to bed.

> This coach will be attached to the fast mail which leaves over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road at Four dead 3 o'clock in the morning for La Crosse, Wis., where the governor is billed to speak tomerrow afternoon. The party will immediately proceed to "the land of the Dakotas" from there.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

cording to Ledger Coal Article.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: The anthracite coal trade is without substantial change. Nothing has been done relative to an advance in coal prices for September, and it is now here on a relief train from Galveston said that interesting event is postponed until about the 15th of the month, and may not come unless a ginia Point for several hous and said srike should require higher prices. The coal people have been discussing the strike situation, and the increased anthracite output, in view of contingencies, has expanded the production of the eight months of 1900, ending by the life-saving crew, many of them with August, to over 30,972,000 tons, the largest amount ever mined in that period, and 1.765,728 tons greater than they were using every endeavor to get in the eight months of 1899. The August output was 4,919,000 tons, against 4,319,032 in August in 1899.

BEST OCEAN RECORD.

New York, Sept. 9.-The steamer Deutschland passed the Scilly islands at 10.40 o'clock tonight, bound from New York to Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg. The Scilly islands are ninety-six miles from Plymouth and steamers cover the distance on an average in about four hours. Allowing four hours for the time of the Deutschland, she will make passage to Plymouth in about five days, eight hours and ten minutes. This time will beat the best previous record by about three hours and thirty-five minutes.

BRYAN'S QUIET SUNDAY.

Chicago, Sept. 9 .- Wm. J. Bryan spent a quiet Sunday here today. After attending church in the morning he returned to the Auditorium, where he took dinner with General Joseph Wheeler, commander of the department of the lakes. Mr. Bryan will rest here a few days and then commence a tour of the country.

WHITEY" STRAUSSER HAS SURRENDERED

Shamekin, Pa., Sept. 9.—Frank, allas "Whitey" Strausser, who was with Thomas Frohm, the burglar, when the latter was shot to death by Dauphin county farmers early last week, while he pair were escaping from that place after comtting a number of burglaries, came here las night after cluding his pursuers in the Lyken-and Treventon valleys and surrendered to the suthorities. He was taken to jail teday.

"KID" VINDICATES CORBETT.

New York, Sept. 2.-"Kid" McCoy, the pugilist, is out in a signed statement in which he denies the assertion of Mrs. James J. Corbett that McCoy and Corbett had made an agreement to "fake" the last fight between the two men. McCoy says he was defeated fairly and

CONTINUES

AT PEKIN

Solution Until the Arrival of Count Waldersec.

FINE GERMANY'S

Representatives of the Kaiser Appear to Be Anxious to Stir Up Discussion-Li Hung Chang Awaits the Imperial Edict Appointing Additional Negotiators-The French Get Possession of Treasure.

London, Sept. 10, 4.15 a. m .- The leadlock in Pekin apparently contintion would be attained at any rate before the arrival of Count Von Waliersee at Tien Tsin. Germany seems to have introduced a new complication by endeavoring to organize some

province of Chi Li.
From the plentiful crop of conflictng rumors, both as regards the actual position of affairs in China and the diplomatic aspects in Europe, it s next to impossible to extract any lefinite fact. A Washington special talks of a movement among the powers to appoint Sir Robert Hart as the European representative in negotiations with China.

According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, Li Hung Chang is awaiting the imperial edict appointing additional negotiators. dispatches to the Times from Pekin say that the court fled on the morning of August 14 by the west gate while the Japanese were shelling the east gate. The intention of the court was not to proceed to Sian Fu in the province of Shen Si, but to turn north to Jehol and to remain there awaiting events. No high officiats accompanied he court except Prince Ching.

In the apportionment of the city to the control of the different nations, the Americans, in ignorance of what was being done, permitted a rectifica-tion of the French interior adjoining the American, which transferred from American to French possession Prince Li's palace, the richest in Pekin, stocked with treasures worth millions

COLLISION AT SEA.

special car Minnesota, in which he has The May Flint Meets the Bark Vidette, and After Drifting Against the Iowa, Sinks.

> San Francisco, Sept. 9 .- The Amerlcan ship May Flint collided with bark Vidette last night in the bay off the main dock and sank. After the coltision she drifted down onto the bows of the battleship Iown anchored off the main dock. After bumping the Iowa she split open, filled and sank, As far as known, no lives were lost. The cause of the collision is unknown. The May Flint arrived from Seattle earlier in the night with 5,000 tons of coal.

SOCIALISTS AT LUZERNE. They Meet at Wilkes-Barre and

Nominate a Ticket. Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 9,-The Social-ists of Luzerne held their county convention at Exeter this afternoon. J. Matthew Barnes, of Philadelphia, addressed the delegates at length. He said Socialism was making progress everywhere. This was the first Socialist convention held in Luzerne county and it was a sure indication that the dogmas of the organization were being accepted by the working classes, The following ticket was nominated: Congress, John H. Harris; state senator, Frank Pearson; prothonotary, Thomas Hartzell. There was no legal material for judge and district attorney, and these nominations were left Resolutions were adopted sympathizing with the miners, but ques-

FIREMAN KILLED.

this time,

tioning the advisability of a strike at

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.-James Sowney, a fireman, aged forty-five years, while fighting a fire in the dock street market building, Spruce street wharf, Delaware river, today fell from an arch, connecting two sections of the building, a height of fifty feet, and was killed. Another fireman also fell. but was caught in the fire nets by comrades.

"BLACK JACK" CAPTURED.

Clayton, N. M., Sept. 9 -Tom Ketchum, bet tor known as "Black Jack," the leader of a several years, was yesterday convicted rain robbery, the penalty for which in New

THE STEAMSHIPS.

Liverpool), New York. Southampton—Arrived: New York for Bremen (and proceeded). Lizard—Passed: Deutschland, New York, Plymouth. Cherbourg and Hamburg.

TANNERY BURNED.

Altmar, N. Y., Sept., 9.-Fire this atterned at the tanners of the Eustace Cummin pany, of Boston, located here, destroy large buildings and two hundred cords of back, Loss, \$50,000.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Paris, Sept. 9.-Mgr. Francels Navier Couties 8 Local The Tigrateriod Strike Delayed (Con-Soulard, archbishop of ...s. is dead, aged 80

HAZLETON STILL **EXPECTS A STRIKE**

Feeling of Relief Over the Postponement-Meetings Held Yesterday.

Hazleton, Sept. 9 .- The news from Indianapolis last night had the effect of creating a feeling of relief among the business interests which have been considerably disturbed and partially paralyzed during the last week on account of the fear of a strike. There still exists, however, a suspense which will not be removed until decisive action has been taken either one way or

The posting of notices at the vari-

the other.

ous collieries on Saturday afternoon to the effect that all hands should report Monday for work, strike or no strike, was regarded as a determination on the part of the operators to test the strength of the United Mine Workers in the event of the declaration of one, was not necessary in the light of de-velopments. All the collieries are scheduled to work on full time during September, and as President Mitchell has notified the miners not to quit until ordered to do so every colliery in the region will be in full operation to-Coal dealers who made a great rush all day Saturday to sup ply their trade, but who found it utterly impossible to fin their orders feel probably more relieved because of the unexpected turn of events than any clared they will be supplied with all the coal they can handle. The Mine Workers' organizers stationed here were busy today addressing meetings where locals have been established, and in organizing new ones so as to be fully prepared for carrying out a strike order providing word to that effect is received within the next few days from Indianapolis. Meetings held at Harleigh, Sandy Run, Highland, Beaver Brook. Meadow and Colerain. Father Phillips speaking this afternoon of the action of the national board yesterday at Indianapolis, said:

The result is exceedingly pleasing to me, I b leve that the greatest victory that workers could have achieved at this time lies in the postconsensent of scrike measures as originally complated. It was only during the past we hat anything definite had been accomplished the way of exciting universal attention to the cause for which these men had been siruggling. Their honor and sincerity were to an extent placed in question awing to the delay in brin ing about the condition. I was myself at fir of the impression that there was a missing to ter essential to the proper presentation of the case in all its phases. My association with the labor leaders and my relations with the various coal operators have shown me that all have been acting in good faith. It required, in my judgment, the calistment of a neutral influence to effect a proper understanding of both sides. While the situation is still uncertain it has reached the stage where adjustment can be facilitated by arbitration. I am pleased beyond measure with the outcome.

My purpose as a Christian worker, and the

surpose of the district officers of the United purpose of the district officers of the United Minets, was to bring about a stay or adjourn-ment of drastic measures so that all parties di-rectly interested could come to a perfect un-derstanding and give the great arbiter—public properly weight and digest the issues. My duty as a Christian worker demands this in behalf of society and that accomplished there my effects cease. I congratulate President Mitchell and his conferees of the executive board in session at Indianapolis for having given this supreme evidence of their desire to avoid a conlet of labor with capital unless accompanied with henor. In my opinion arbitration is not enly possible but necessary in the interests of the public which includes both employers and

presidents would remain here tomorrow and endeavor to prevail on the operators to agree to make some concessions, but as the board has left, all possibility of a settlement has varished, and a strike seems to be the only outcome, unless the national board at Indianapolis changes the programme tomorrow.

It is reported that a strike will be ordered Tuesday night. All eyes are now turned towards the west.

NEW YORK STATE.

Ticket Arranged by the Democrats at Saratoga. Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9 .-- For governor, John B. Stanchfield, of Che-

mung: for lieutenant governor, William F. Mackey, of Erie; for secretary of state, John T. Norton; for attorney general, George M. Palmer; for state treasurer, Guy H. Clark; for comptroller, Martin Glynn.

This is the work of the Democratic state convention slatemakers tonight. Late tonight it is fairly well established that Mr. Stanchfield will be announced tomorrow as the Croker-Murphy candidate, and that Senator Mackey can have second place if he will take it. He declares he will not. It was said tonight, with some show of authority, that Senator Hill will make the speech in the convention placing Mr. Coler in nomination for

SUICIDE OF A TURK.

Paris, Sept. 9.-Orthanase Hadka Una Giglo thon, nephew of the Turkish ambassador to Great Britain, Costaki Anthropulo Pacha, and secretary of the embassy in London, committed suicide yesterday in the railway station in Fontainbleau, blowing out his brains with a revolver. It appears that he had quarreled with his paramour and that she had refused to live

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today, FAIR AND WARM.

Without Endorsing Application for Per-mission to Strike, Texas Decastated by a Tornado. The Powers Are Deadlocked at Pekin General-President McKinley's Letter of Ac

Local-Sermon by Rev. Dr. McLeod. Grand Jury Will Meer Today. Mency Given to Councilmen.

Editorial.

General-Officers of Mine Workers

Local Threatened Strike Delayed, Shooting Affray at Old Forge, Local-West Screnton and Suburbar Round About the County.

Financial and Commercial.

Application for Permission to Strike.

MITCHELL'S STATEMENT

He Says That if Operators Do Not Make Concessions Within a Given Time a Strike Will Be Ordered-He Declines to State What Influences Are Being Brought to Bear to Effect a Settlement-The Sentiment of the Executive Board of the United Mine Workers Is Unchanged.

Indianapolis, Sept. 9.-The national cecutive board of the United Mine Workers of America adjourned sine die oday, without promulgating a formal endorsement of the application of the miners of the anthracite districts for permission to strike. At the close of session, President John Mitchell

"There is practically no change in the situation since last night. If the operators do not meet our demands within a given time the strike will be ordered upon the en-dorsement of Secretary Wilson and myself. Whether the time allowed is five days or longer, I decline to say. As set out in our statement of yesterday, influences are at work to bring about a settlement without ordering the men to lay down their tools. I must again decline to say what these influences are, for the reason that to make this information public would at once destroy

their effectiveness. "If there are any political influences at work, I know nothing of them, and I do not think it has come to the knowledge of the board members. It would be very bad policy for the national officers of the Mine Workers to ask the intercession of any political party, and this most certainly has not been done. We are simply trying to get for the miners of our organization and those not affiliated with us honest wages."

As soon as he arrived at his office this morning. President Mitchell sent word to the telegraph offices that if any messages be received for him during the night they be delivered at his office. After waiting a reasonable time for a response, the called to order. No messages came, and this is taken as an indication that negotiations are still pending.

Up to the time the members of the board left the office of the president, there had been no communication with the leaders in the anthracite districts. Summed up, the situation, according to the admissions of President Mitchell.

is this: Negotiations are undoubtedly on for settlement of the differences without a strike. So long as they are pending the miners will not strike, for the reason that the operators would be left a loophole of escape from the position they now occupy by saying the men had gone out at a time when there was a chance that an amicable settlement might have been brought

about. Public Sympathy Necessary.

Public sympathy is an absolute necessity in so far as the miners are oncerned. A delay until it is seen that their wages will not be raised by the operators without a fight; that their grievances upon the question, wherein they complain that they are paying \$1 more per keg at "pluck me" stores than is asked in the open market; that they are not allowed a check-weighman on the tipple and must accept the weights of the companies that exact from them more than 2600 pounds for a ton, which is sold on a basis of 2240 pounds to the ton, is bound to start a sympathetic movement that will reach over the entire length and breadth of

Approximately, one hundred thous-

and men are expected to go out at the bidding of the executive board. There are among the men those who will provide themselves through a sharp, short decisive fight, but men who are working at wages ranging from 90 cents to \$1.35 per day cannot provide for a period of idleness, hence the organization is met with the burden of taking care of not less than half a million of people during the struggle, Under these circumstances, the members of the board admit that they must wait until these last vestiges of hope for a settlement without inviting a condition that may result in the erty and the temporary paralysis of innumerable industries is exhausted. It has been evident from the first ssion of the executive board that unless there was a change in the attitude of the operators, and an clination to at least recognize the officers of the Mine Workers and agree to a wage scale conference a strike would be endorsed. This same posttion was maintained throughout the deliberations of the board and existed at the time of adjournment, and still exists, but the men who have been in session are needed in the various parts of the country for the business of the organization and in order to simplify matters the declaration of a strike is left in the hands of President Mit-

++++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

chell and Secretary Wilson.

warm Monday and probably Tuesday; light north to east winds.