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OUR POSITION REGARDING CHINA TO BE STATED

S'ate Department Will Today Ease the Minds of Foreigners.

MANY QUERIES AT HAND

all the Leading Powers Eager to Ascertain Just Where Uncle Sam Stands and Their Curiosity Is to Be Satisfied-Southern Viceroys for Peace-Urge United States to Open Negotiations at Once-Li Hung Chang Thanks Washington-Empress Willing to Return to Pekin ff Protection Is Guaranteed-Our Reply to Germany Ready.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Washington, Sept. 20,-The status of the Chinese situation at the close of the day, according to a high authority,

is as follows: There are now before the department of state a number of notes awaiting answers. These include the German note concerning the surrender of Chinese ringleaders; the original nal Russian proposition for the withdrawal of troops from Pekin, which has not yet been acted upon as a finality; a memorandum from the Russian government asking as to the purposes of this government and a request by Prince Ching that instructions be sent to Minister Conger to proceed with peace negotiations at once. In addition there is a verbal inquiry from the French government as to the programme of the United

These various communications have accumulated slowly and an understanding has now been reached by the administration that there shall be a general clearance of the entire subject. This may be expected either late tomorrow or early the following day. it will clearly enunciate the programme of the United States on the various questions presented. There ill be separate replies according to the character of the communications addressed to this government; that is, the recent German note will be answered by a note, and the memoranda of inquiry from Russla will be answered by a memorandum, while the French verbal inquiry will receive a verbal response.

As to the contents of these several communications the authorities are not willing to give any positive intimations, though, as far as the German note is concerned, the belief is almost general here that the response of our government will amount to a declination to make the surrender of the offending Chinese a condition precedent to negotiations of any kind. Concerning the Russian proposition for withdrawal, it is stated officially that it stands today the same as first presented there having been no modifications whatever on the part of Russia

up to the present time. An Appeal for Peace.

The Chinese minister here has received a despatch from the viceroys of the southern provinces of China. making an appeal for the opening of |+ peace negotiations without further delay. They represent that a prolongation of the present unsettled condition | + is a serious disadvantage to China and | Name of Colliery and Operator. all parties concerned.

The minister strongly seconds the appeal of the viceroys. He says that China is at times accused of being slow, but in this case a month has passed since the legations were relieved, and yet there is no move to open negotiations, although China is ready and anxious to do so. He points out that all the various conditions and general qualifications which have been made to the appeals for the opening of negotiations have the effect of delay. He feels that the United States occupies the enviable position of being able to take the lead in solving the difficulties and delay. It is universally recognized, he adds, that this country is absolutely free from any ulterior motives against China, and The minister strongly seconds the appeal of the viceroys. He says that difficulties and delay. It is universally recognized, he adds, that this country is absolutely free from any ulterior motives against China, and that whatever the American government proposes is disinterested, calculated to benefit all concerned, and solve the problem. For that reason Mr. Wu is using his influence to have the United States government take the initiative in opening peace negotiations.

Li Hung Chang's Thanks.

Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau and acting secretary of the navy, has received the following cable message from Admiral Remey:

Taku, Sept. 19.

I have called upon Li Hung Chang officially. Arrived September 18 in a menchant vessel. the will proceed at once to Pekin Be desires that I tender his sincere thanks for the consideration he has received from the United States government.

A draft of the answer of this government to the German proposition demanding the surrender of the chief instigators of the bloxer provement.

demanding the surrender of the chief instigators of the boxer movement prior to the opening of prace negotiations, has been prepared, but us there is no occasion for precipitate action, it will not be forwarded until after the cabinet meeting tamorrow.

DARK HORSE WINS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Sunbary, Pa., Sept. 20—An adjourned meeting of the Democratic schartest was held here today and Prancis E. Brown, or Union county, a dark house in the race for the boner, received the commination on the 66th halfor.

MARTIAL LAW TO CEASE TODAY

Galveston to Be Turned Over to Civil Authorities-All Distinctions Are Temporarily Leveled - Appalling News from Hitchcock, Tex.

Galveston, Sept. 20.-This evening Mayor Jones proclaimed that martial law would cease at noon tomorrow and the civil authorities would assume direction of municipal matters. This was done at the suggestion of General Scurry, who represented the belief that URGES THEIR FORMATION onditions had reached such a stage that the civil authorities were able to cope with the situation. This, how-ever, does not mean the immediate vithdrawal of the militia. They are o co-operate with the city officials in he enforcement of order and will coninue on duty as part of the government. Since martial law has prevailed n Galveston good order has resulted. The shooting of negroes by militiamen for looting, has had a most salu-tary effect and has in a measure ter-

orized the offenders. Labor in Galveston is at a premium There is not an idle man in the city. Regardless of station or position. man must work. The merchant and his clerk are working side by side along with the man who has known nothing but hard work since the time of his childhood. It is a cosmopolitan force now at work on the city avenues; white men and black working in such gangs under one head is a

daily scene. Today orders were issued to impress there are fully 2,000 men engaged in the work. Still this force is not suffi-cient, and more men must be secured. Republican ticket. He said when he The prevailing method of disposition and as each corpse is one of his visits had been to the Marwith coal oil and thrown into a blazbeen entirely successful and the bodies are quickly destroyed.

Hitchcock, Texas, Sept. 29.-The distress in this vicinity on the Gulf coast is still appalling. Everything is wiped out. Buildings were not only blown down but have been washed away. The mainland dead in this section will number 500,

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.-A total of \$67.647 in cash has been subscribed in this city for the relief of the Galreston storm sufferers in addition to other necessities. A monster theatrical benefit tonight

sum of \$6,368. "PAOLI DAY" OBSERVED.

Hy Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. West Chester, Pa., Sept. 20, - 'Paoli Day,' or be one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of the massacre of Mad Anthony Wayne's men o the number of tifty-three by the British forces nder General Gray, was observed in Chester ounty today with appropriate ceremonies. The rator of the day was Francis Newton Thorne,

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

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DAY'S DOINGS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN POLITICS

Senator Hanna on the Value of Club Organizations.

Guffey, Martin and Flinn Have a Long Conference in Philadelphia for the Purpose of Effecting a Fusion of Democrats and Insurgents on Legislative Tickets-Dark Horse Named to Run Against Benj. Focht Bryan to Take a Rest Before Beginning His Last Merry Go Round. Other Political News.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 20 .- Senator Hanns was the guest of honor this evening at the monthly dinner of the Marquette club, which was attended by about 300 members. Mr. Hanna urged upon the members of the club ecured under this order and today present one, and urged every member to constitute himself a committee aken out is is thoroughly saturated quette club, where he had gone to find consolation and had not been ing fire. This plan of incineration has disappointed. This year he returned to them as a friend and after the elecion intended to come around and thank them for the great work which he knew they would do in the coming ampaign.

FUSION IN PHILADELPHIA. Guffey, Martin and Flinn Confer and

Fix Things Up. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.-A political conference took place at the Hotel Stratford today, the conferees being numerous contributions of clothing and closeted five hours. The participants were Democratic National Committeeman James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg; at the largest theater in the city, under Charles P. Donnelly, chairman of the the auspices of the Inquirer, netted the Democratic city committee; State Senator David Martin, State Senator three per cent, is profoundly impressive less and William Flinn, former Attorney General McCormick, State Chairman P.3ing, Charles F. Kindred and F. A. 1 Fetterolf, of Montgomery.

Every phase of the fusion question in Philadelphia, in every senatorial and legislative district, was considered and candidates, both Republican and Democratic, were discussed. The conferees had made up their minds that fusion should be entered upon ff at all possi-

BIRDSEYE SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION

sents in concise form the whole story of the strike:

ble, and when their deliberations ended for the time being, plans in this direction had been radically advanced The Democratic county and judicia conventions met today and nominated Frank A. Hartranft for city treasurer, and Edward F. Ternan for register of wills. Hon. Thomas K. Finletter, nominee of the Republican party for re-election to common pleas court, was endorsed. Fusion was indorsed.

BRYAN TO REST BRIEFLY.

Then He Will Resume the Grand Final Swing.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 25.-William J. Bryan will spend Friday and Saturday making brief speaches in the vicinity of Lincoln. After three days' rest next week he will on Thursday start for a tour of the Dakotas. He will continue his work in out side states, not returning to Nebraska until two or three days before elec-

INSURGENTS SCORE PARTIAL VICTORY

Details of the Philippine Battle Briefly Reported in Yesterday's Tribune - Fought Waist-Deep in Water.

Washington, Sept. 20 .- The secretary of war received from General MacArhur today a dispatch confirming yesterday's report of a serious conflict etween Americans and insurgents. It

Manila, Sept. 10.—Adjutant General Washington: Considerable activity throughout Luzon. every able-bodied man for street-cleaning service. Over 500 men were secured under this order and today present one, and urged every memmake trouble in district heretofore quiet. It flocan province Young reported numerous small bury's squadron and Bordan's battation Fits mantry sent him. Other battalions Fifth sent ame destination. Sumerous contacts with small sarties throughouf that district, south of Pasig. cluding Tava province (Luzon). September 1 David D. Mitchell, captain Fifteenth infantry ninety men, Company I, Fiftenth infantry, free malogon, Laguna province, attacked insurgen-Saminggli, Lagina province, arracked insurgent General Cailles, who had soo men in positions at Mavilac, same province. Desperate fighting ensued which was pushed from the front with great pertinacity by Mitchell across causeway and through water, waist deep. Co-operative at task under George F. Cook, captain Fifteenth infantry, with 60 men, Company K. Thirty-seventh infantry, could not reach enemy's post-tion because of high water in arm of lake, which could not be crossed. Entire country was affect in consequence of recent rains. This very much impeded our defensive action. After our hours and tecenty niners field command with hour and twenty minutes fight command with-drew to Simeon. Upon resuming operations or 18th found that insurgents had escaped from Mativac previous night, most of them no doubt going back to continguous territory for time be until called into activeness again

ing or until e peaceful-amigos. The list of casualties appended to Genera indicates stubbornness of fight, fearliess leader-ship of officers and splendid response of men. Insurgent less, ten killed, twenty wounded. Among former Colonel Fidel."

SUICIDE BY HANGING.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Name of Colliery and Operator.

Pennsylvania, Union Coal Co
Bichards, Union Coal Co
Hickory Swamp, Union Coal Co
Hickory Ridge, Union Coal Co
Cameron, Mineral R. R. & Mining Co
Latte Fidler, Mineral R. B. & Mining Co
Latte Fidler, Mineral R. B. & Mining Co
Williamstown, Summit Branch Coal Co
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Will. Penn, Stickhey & Congrajisam
Minesville, Est. A. S. VanWickle
Coleraine and Israms, Est. A. S. VanWickle
Coanberry, A. Pardee & Co
Upper Leidigh, Upper Lehigh Coal Co
Sandy Ron, M. S. Kennnerer & Co
Hade Brook, J. S. Wentz & Co
Silver Brook, Silver Brook Coal Co
Stockton Washery, Andenried Coal Co

Sandy Run, M. S. Kennuerer & Co.
Hazie Brook, J. S. Wentz & Co.
Silver Brook, Silver Brook Coal Co.
Stockton Washery, Audentised Conl. Co.
Port Creek, Wyn. & Pond Creek Coal Co.
Dusky Diamond, Morgan & Arnold
Rowe Washery, Rowe & Stauffer
Neilsen, J. Langdon & Co.
Corbin, Excelsion Coal Co.
Enterprise, Enterprise Coal Co.
Givard, Girard Coal Co.
Royal Cuk, Royal Chak Coal Co.
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Golumbus, No. 2, White & White
Midvalley, Nos. 1 and 2, Midvalley Coal Co.
Park No. 2, Lentz & Co.
Kehleys Run, Thomas Coal Co.
Lawrence, Lawrence Coal Co.
Cambridge, Casabridge Coal Co.
Carson Washery, Audenried Coal Co.
Star Washery, Audenried Coal Co.
Drifton, Nos. 1 and 2, Cross Creek Coal Co.
Stockton, Cross Creek Coal Co.
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Beaver Meadow, Cross Creek Coal Co.
Derringer & Gowen, Cross Creek Coal Co.
Oneida, Cross Creek Coal Co.
Chehigh Coal & Nav. Co. No. 1, L. C. & N. Co.
Lebigh Coal & Nav. Co. No. 6, L. C. & N. Co.
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Packer No. 5, Lehigh Valley Coal Co-Centralia, Logan and Big Mine Run, Lehigh Valley Coal Co-Primrose, Lehigh Valley Coal Co-Lattiner, No. 1, C. Pardee & Co-Lattiner, No. 5, C. Pardee & Co-Lattiner Stripping, C. Pardee & Co-Lattiner Stripping, C. Pardee & Co-Harwood, C. Pardee & Co-Treckow, L. & W.-B. Coal Co-Honey Brook, No. 4, L. & W.-B. Coal Co-Honey Brook, No. 5, L. & W.-B. Coal Co-Kexver Brook, Dedach Coal Co-Kexver Brook, Dedach Coal Co-Kaska William, Dedach Coal Co-Leddo No. 4, C. & Markle, & Co-Highland No. 2, G. B. Markle & Co-Highland No. 5, G. B. Markle & Co-Legisland No. 5, G. B. Markle & Co-

HAZLETON, Sept. 20.—The following is a list of the collieries in the lower coal fields, the total number of men

employed by them in normal times, the number who worked yesterday and the number who did not work.

IN THE LEHIGH AND SCHUYLKILL REGIONS

UNEVENTFUL DESCRIBES THE SITUATION

Strike There Is a Day of Calm.

Strike ... ave Not Proved Successful-Father Phillips Goes to Philadelphia for a Conference with Archbishop Ryan-Reports That the Strike Is Assuming Larger Proportions-Detailed Statement from Every Colliery in the Lehigh and Schuylkill Region Shows Only 27 Per Cent. of the Men Idle.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press of all the Protestant clergymen of this city, has taken up the strike question deavor to bring about a settlement of the labor difference on the basis of draw up a memorial appealing to both have not expressed a desire to arbiwould not give credit to the strikers.

the usual terms. Meetings of striking miners were held onight at West Hazleton, Hazle Brook. Coleraine and Jeddo. The gatherings were addressed by tabor leaders of this section.

Sheriff Toole, of Schuylkill county arrived at McAdoo today in response to a telegram received from the Carson Coal company, where the men had been driven from work on Wednesday. The sheriff says he will do all in his power to preserve order in that vicinity. Superintendent Keith, of the Hazleton division of the Lehigh Valley railroad, said tonight that he would lay off two coal train crews tomorrow. These are the first railroad men in this section to be rendered idle by the

strike.

Reading, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Catharine Moore, aged 600 years, was found by a daughter hanging in the pantry of her residence today. She had become despondent over the loss of some money.

Number 40 shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, east of this city,

At the Storm Center of the

THE MARKLE MEN AT WORK

Efforts to Induce Them to Join the

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 20.-The Hazleton Ministerial association, composed and will use all its power in the enarbitration and conciliation. All are opposed to the strike and at a meeting held this afternoon they decided to the strikers and those operators who trate to act fairly with each other and estore peaceful conditions and confidence in the anthracite mining region. Notwithstanding the announcement made before the strike began that they

selling goods to the men on strike on

the business men of this city are still

No Overtures for Peace.

No overtures have been advanced by either side and there is at present no soon. The strike officials are still at HE COULD NOT

of men at work.

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17,511

41,586

65,042

say they will not cease their activity in that respect until every operation in the anthracite region is tied up. The operators are today as confident of success as they have heretofore been

was the center of numerous petty acis of violence during the day. Before 6 o'clock this morning, a handful of Hungarian women wanted to whip three coal and iron policemen for persuading breaker boys to go to work. The police, however, managed to ge out of their difficulty without a fight Shortly after that, a mine worker says he was shot at by an unknown person, but not hit, while on his way to the shaft. Later in the day an Italian was badly clubbed. Tonight two of the mine workers, while on their way home from the shaft were attacked and badly beaten. Aside from these incidents, quiet prevailed broughout the region. The striking mine workers say they are doing their

best to prevent disturbances. A 15-year-old Hungarian boy was found dead in bed in Coleraine today. The doctor says his death is due to heart disease caused by fright. The foctor added that the boy had been told that a mob was marching toward Coloraine and the shock caused his

Markle's Men at Work.

The efforts put forth by the union enders to bring out the men at Markle & Co. and Cranberry collieries have proved unavailing. President Mitchell and the other officers of the United Mine Workers were deeply disappointed but have not given up hope of bringing the men out, despite the inducements offered by the companies.

If the tendencies of the men were ith the strike movement yesterday the meeting and debate between Prestdent Mitchell, Rev. Father Phillips and George B. Markle last evening, has brought about a great change of feeling. Mr. Markle's statement that on Saturday next the men would receive their regular pay, together with a fair increase in wages and an answer to their bill of grievances if such shall be submitted by the men seems to satsfy them.

In the absence of President Mitchell from headquarters today, Benjamin James, who is next in charge of the strike in this region, issued the daily bulletin from the United Mine Workers' headquarters. It is as follows: Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 20, 5,45 p. m.-The resorts received at headquarters today have been mest gratifying. Harwood, Coleraine and the Star washery, at Andenied, shut down this morning, and the men at these places decided last evening to strike with their fellow men.

his is a gain for the mine workers.

At Jeddo, where John Markle tried to influence he men to go to work, they remained firm, evimade by their employers. Eight hundred more men are on strike in this district today than on any previous day during the strike.

The suspension in the Wyorning and Lackawan-na valleys is now complete, the only mine which worked the torepart of the week being closed. Reports from District No. 9 (the lower anthr ite) show that there has been large area o the strikers' ranks, great inroads having been nade on the Philadelphia and Reading employes The situation over the entire anthracite coa ield is such that we have every reason to believ broughout the three districts (Signed)

ember National Executive Board, United Mine Workers of America.

ORGANIZE MEN

District Organizer Dougherty Met with Failure at Tower City and Williamstown-Quiet Reigns.

r Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Sept. 20 .- The attempt of District Organizer Dougherty to organize branches of the miners' union at Tower City and Williamstown has been a failure and the indications are that the miners at these places will not join the miners at Lykens and Winisco. Everything was quiet today in the Lykens Valley region and there is no longer any fear of a clash between the strikers and non-strikers.

Father Logue commended the attit-tude of the Williamstown miners in speech at today's session of the state convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union, which is being held in the Williamstown church, of which he is rector. He said the sentiment of the community was against a strike and that the men had good judgment in refusing to ouit work.

STILL TRYING TO END STRIKE

Father Phillips Is in Philadelphia to Confer with Archbishop Ryan About the Situation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 20.-Father Phillips, the Hazleton priest, who has een active in efforts to avert the ending strike, arrived in this city (Continued on Page 2.1

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today,

I General-Day of Calm in the Lower Strike

RAIN.

Regions,
Lackawama Region Exempt from Trouble,
Uncle Sam Will State His Position in the
Chinese Muddle.
Movements in Political World.

Local-The Tribune's Educational Contest. The Tunkhannock Fair. Local-Councilman Paine to Be Investigated Carpenters Revising Their Constitution,

Local—Lachawanna Region Exempt from Trouble (Concinded), Local-West Scranton and Suburban Round About the County. Local-Court Proceedings

News and Comment

Financial and Commercial.

THIS REGION EXEMPT FROM ANY TROUBLE

Not the Semblance of Disorder Attendant Upon the Strike.

SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

Effect of the Shortage of Coal Makes Itself Felt First in This City. Street Car Service Impaired by Reason of Lack of Fuel-Local Operator Signs the Union Wage Scale and Another Agrees to Do the Same-Activity of the Operators Causes Much Conjecture-Interview with Superintendent Loomis. Dilcher Goes to Hazleton-Railroad Brotherhood to Discuss Strike.

This region can be thankful, in one way, at all events, that the strike tie-up is practically complete. While other localities are experiencing daily disturbances and living in dread of a conflict between strikers and deputies, or of union and non-union men colliding, this region is practically free from all concern on that score, because there is no one to molest even if any one was bent on molestation.

True there are some hundreds of men at work at the eight washeries that continue under way and the three small private workings that among all the 97 collieries of the region have not been closed down, but the strikers do not concern themselves about these few drops in the bucket, and find no difficulty in restraining themselves from violating the behest of the Mine Workers' officers to religiously keep away from the mines and commit no disorderly act.

Were it the case that the occasions of disorder in other districts obtained here, the alarm would not be as great as in those districts, for the men of this region are, on the average, far above those of the lower districts, and the conservative element is in such a pronounced majority, that outside influences would scarcely be necessary to suppress any rising of the lawless element.

Yesterday, like all the days that preceded it since the strike began, found the Lackawanna region perfectly quiet and with nothing appearing on the horizon to presage any disquiet. The situation as regards the tie-up likewise remained unchanged the idle mines continuing idle and the operators making no effort to operate. Both sides stand as firm and confident as the day the strike began, despite the conflicting reports of the progress of the strike in the southern districts, each side apparently relying with abiding faith in the report

The announcement in yesterday's Tribune of the activity of the operators had the effect of setting the strikers to thinking. None doubted that the operators were doing some thing, but the fact that the activity was not apparent on the surface, had the effect of allowing it to escape attention, and not until the matter was called forcibly to mind by The Tribune, did the mine workers take it up for discussion. Most of them are of the opinion that

that favored its particular cause.

the movement will be as conjectured, yesterday, a concentration of the available men of all the companies some few collicries means of weaning back the sym-pathy strikers and those of the union who joined it because it was the popular thing, and who may be wavering between staying out and going back. as a result of decidedly discouraging eports that the operators expect will ommence to pour in from Hazleton, Pottsville and Shamokin within the next few days.

The promoters of the Lackawanna union are already discussing the expediency of getting the miners together and preparing to move along judicious lines if a time should come when a continuation of the strike would be a useless effort. In other words, if conditions should arise that would make a means of "letting go" a lesirable thing to have at hand, the thinking men of the union consider it a wise precaution to be in a posttion to immediately provide that писапь.

FUEL FAMINE IN SCRANTON

Strange as it may sound, Scranton, the very heart of the anthracite coal region, is the first city in the union to experience an actual hardship as consequence of a shortage of fuel. The trolley company has had its sup-

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Sept. 50.-Eastern Pennsylthis lists Friday; Saturday, generally ir; fresh south to southwest winds.