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GOVERNMENT ANSWERS THE POWERS

Disclosure of Its Policy Made to Foreign Representatives.

THE CHINESE PROGRAMME

German Proposal that the Negotiations with China Be Deferred Until Chinese Responsible for Peking Outrages Have Been Punished Has Not Been Approved—State Department Refuses to Make Any Other Statement as to the Nature of Answers—Government Does Not Relinquish Idea of Ultimate Punishment of the Offenders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 21.—The United States government has made full and complete answers to the various important inquiries that have been addressed to it by the powers relative to the Chinese trouble. Moreover, it has gone farther and has made disclosure of all its purposes, and, as a member of the administration puts it, has thrown it open hand upon the table. This action was taken after the cabinet meeting today. At half past three o'clock Mr. Wilson appointed Mr. Hill as acting secretary and handed a memorandum embodying the response of the United States government to the request of Prince Ching that Mr. Conger or some other person be immediately empowered to begin negotiations with the Chinese authorities for a final settlement. Next came M. Thiebaut, the French charge, a few minutes conversation sufficed to impart to him generally an answer to his own verbal inquiry.

Then Baron Sternberg, the German charge, who had been notified of the readiness of the state department to make answer to the German note, called his means for restoring order, but is making slow progress. The better element among the colored population is fleeing to the church, where the time is being spent in prayer.

It is known, however, that the German proposal that negotiations with China be deferred until the Chinese responsible for the Peking outrages have been surrendered to the allies, has failed of approval by our government. The declaration has been conveyed in a manner that cannot give offense, but it is believed that the United States government cannot recognize a principle that a country may be called upon to surrender its own citizens to a foreign power or powers for punishment. This action on the part of the government is the result of numerous discharges of union men by the Reading company.

BOYCOTT AT SUNBURY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Sunbury, Sept. 21.—The trainmen brotherhood's men of this city, about 1,500 in all, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, have instituted a boycott against the Reading company, and have informed the merchants that if they shipped goods or received goods shipped over the Reading they would also be boycotted. This action on the part of the brotherhood is the result of numerous discharges of union men by the Reading company.

TWO SCRANTON MEN KILLED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—The list of names of killed men killed Sept. 16, at Maxvian, Luzon, P. I., include the following: John J. Brink, private, Company I, Fifteenth Infantry, enlisted at Scranton, Pa. Name of nearest relative or friend, C. W. Brink, Fairport, Pa. Fred Duggan, private, Company I, Fifteenth Infantry, enlisted at Scranton, Pa. Name of nearest relative or friend, Miss Annie Loftus, Scranton, Pa.

MR. ROCKHILL IN PEKIN.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 21.—A cable message was received today at the state department from Minister Conger, dated Peking, Sept. 17, announcing the arrival of Special Commissioner Rockhill in Peking on that date.

LAKE TRADE DEMORALIZED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Toronto, Sept. 21.—The Pennsylvania coal strike has demoralized the lake coal carrying trade, and has brought the season to a premature close. Several vessels which make Toronto their headquarters have gone into winter quarters and dismissed their crews.

M'FINLEY LEAVES FOR CANTON.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 21.—President McKinley left Washington at 7:45 o'clock this evening for Canton, Ohio. The train is due at Canton at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

CHANGES IN THE READING.

Prominent Officials Tender Their Resignations. Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—It was officially announced today that I. A. Seward, general superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and E. C. Tomlinson, superintendent of the New York division, had tendered their resignations to take effect today and Monday respectively. It was also announced that W. C. Beebe, superintendent of the Reading and Lehigh divisions, had been appointed to succeed Mr. Seward, and that W. A. Garrett, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, will occupy the place vacated by Mr. Tomlinson. Mr. Beebe came to the Reading railway from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, and Mr. Garrett was formerly connected with the Washakie railroad.

FOUR NEGROES ARE HANGED

Taken from Jail Where They Had Been Confined on Charge of Committing Robbery. New Orleans, Sept. 21.—In "Bloody" Tangipah parish last night, four negroes were hanged after the jail in the village of Poncehthula had been broken open and the prisoners, accused of robbing the family of Henry Hoifelder, had been taken from their cells. Mrs. Louise Hoifelder, who resisted the colored men, was choked and beaten so unmercifully that she lost her mind. Wholesale lynchings are feared. The men lynched were: Isaiah Rollins, aged 18; Nathaniel Bowman, aged 47; Charles Elliott, aged 20; George Bickham, aged 20.

There were fourteen colored suspects in the Poncehthula jail, accused of various robberies. Last night at 9 o'clock, a committee of white citizens called on Sheriff Nix and demanded the keys to the jail. The sheriff refused to produce them. Axes were brought and the jail was immediately broken up. Four suspects were hanged to a tree about two blocks away, after being made to confess to having participated in the burglary of Hoifelder's house. Not until 7 o'clock this morning were the bodies cut down. Meantime the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death "by unknown hands."

CHESTER FUSION CASES.

Harrisburg, Sept. 21.—Judge Weiss and Simonette today decided the fusion cases, proceedings instituted by counsel for the legislative candidates of the fusion party of Chester county to compel Secretary of the Commonwealth to accept their certificates of nomination. The court reserved its decision.

THE TROOPS CALLED TO SHENANDOAH

Three Regiments of Infantry and a Battery Called Out.

GEN. GOBIN IN COMMAND

The Fourth, Eighth and Twelfth Regiments of Infantry and Battery C, of Phoenixville, and the Governor's Troop, of Harrisburg, Left for the Scene of Trouble Last Evening. Sheriff Toole, of Schuylkill, Admits That He Is Unable to Cope with the Mob—Company Officials and Citizens of Shenandoah Urge Governor Stone to Honor Sheriff's Request for Aid.

Harrisburg, Sept. 21.—Three regiments of infantry, a battery and a troop of cavalry were ordered out at midnight by Governor Stone to assist Sheriff Toole in maintaining order in the Schuylkill region. This action was taken after a conference between the governor, Adjutant General Stewart and General Gobin, on the urgent solicitation of the sheriff, borough council of Shenandoah and many prominent residents of that locality. General Gobin has been placed in command of the provisional brigade and started from here tonight with his staff on a special train for Shenandoah. He will establish headquarters there, and expects to be on the ground with 2,500 troops by 5 o'clock Saturday morning.

The organizations which have been selected for this service are the Fourth, Eighth and Twelfth regiments, Battery C, of Phoenixville; Governor's troop, of Harrisburg, and the Third brigade headquarters. Colonel Richardson has taken charge of the movement of the troops and the camp equipage and tents. Major General Miller, commander of the division, has been summoned to Harrisburg and is now on his way from Franklin. Attorney General Eikin has also been called here from Indiana to advise with the governor. Battery C is

equipped with Gatling guns, and is one of the best drilled organizations in the guard. General Gobin is the senior brigadier of the division and commanded the provisional brigade which was ordered to the Hazleton region after the Lattimer shooting in 1897. The Fourth regiment is commanded by Colonel T. C. O'Neill, of Allentown; the Eighth by Colonel Theodore F. Hoffman, of Pottsville; the Twelfth by Colonel Charles N. Clements; Governor's troop by Captain Fred M. Ott, and Battery C by Francis M. Bean, of Phoenixville.

The Sheriff's Request.

Governor Stone received a telegram early this evening from Sheriff Toole advising him that three persons had been killed and fifteen injured at Shenandoah by the strikers' firing upon a posse of citizens who were protecting a party of non-union miners on their return home from work. The sheriff said he was unable to cope with the mob and that the presence of troops was necessary to the protection of life and property in the community. Later in the evening telegrams were received by the executive from D. R. James, president of the borough council of Shenandoah; W. A. Lathrop, general superintendent of the Lehigh Valley coal company; R. C. Luther, general superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company; S. H. Koercher, for the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, and fifty citizens of Shenandoah, urging that the sheriff's request for troops be honored as quickly as possible. General Stewart reached here from Philadelphia at 11 o'clock, and went direct to the executive mansion, where he was met by the governor and General Gobin. A hurried conference was held, after which the order for troops was issued and Sheriff Toole notified.

DEADLOCK BROKEN.

W. B. Packard Nominated by Democrats of Fifteenth District. Harrisburg, Sept. 21.—The deadlock in the Democratic congressional conference of the Fifteenth district is now broken, and W. B. Packard, of Troy, Bradford county, was nominated over John M. Kelly, of Montrose. The Democratic senatorial conference for the Pennsylvania district is still deadlocked, neither side showing signs of yielding. H. F. Maynard, of Athens, and C. A. Little, of Tunkhannock, are the candidates.

POSTMASTER SMITH WAS IN A RUNAWAY.

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Charles Emory Smith, postmaster general, addressed an enthusiastic gathering of Republicans here tonight. Mr. Smith, upon arriving, was in an escort committee, and started in a carriage for the hotel. Their horses, becoming frightened, ran away, and the carriage collided with an electric car. There was a big miscap, but fortunately no one was injured.

TROUBLE IS FEARED AT HAZLETON

Companies Are Sending Many Deputies Into That City.

CLASH AT SHENANDOAH

It Has Had the Effect of Giving Out the Impression That It Might Be Followed by an Outbreak at Hazleton—Statement Given Out by President Mitchell About the Number of Men Employed Is Disputed by the Companies—Sheriff's Posse Fired Upon a Crowd of Rioters at Shenandoah, Killing Two and Wounding Seven Others.

SHERIFF'S POSSE FIRED INTO CROWD

They Were Assaulted While Escorting Home a Body of Mine Workers from One of the Collieries. Hazleton, Sept. 21.—The Lehigh region today seemed to concern itself more about the possibility of trouble than any other one thing. Wherever one went in this district the belief was general that an outbreak would occur. There was, however, no outward evidence anywhere that such a thing is likely. This feeling was no doubt produced by the disturbances at Shenandoah and the arrival in Hazleton and on the North Side of a large number of deputies, who are said to be prepared for any emergency. It was known that all the coal companies in the district had increased the number of watchmen around their collieries, and it was also known that the increased number of watchmen and Sheriff Brislin, of Carbon county, but nothing was thought of this.

The deputies who arrived at Free-land, twelve miles north of here, during the night from Wilkes-Barre, are said to number about two hundred. They were distributed along the public road between Free-land and Jeddo. At noon a cauldron of them arrived in this city over the Pennsylvania railroad, and later in the day several squads of deputies came into town. They are all being lodged in different parts of the city. Few Cases of Violence. There were fewer cases of violence today than yesterday when the mine workers in various parts of this section were attacked on their way to and from work. The presence of the increased number of watchmen and deputies may have accounted for this improved condition. This city has

ANOTHER DAY DEVOID OF TURBULENCE

Strike Here Appears to Be Comparatively Uneventful.

PLAYING A WAITING GAME

Most Closely Watched Occurrence of the Day Was the Conference Over the Question of Handling Non-Union Coal Carried on Between the Local Switchmen and Their National Officers—No Definite Action, However, Was Taken—Lackawanna Road to Seek Grain Carrying Trade, Scranton Threatened with an Invasion of Soft Coal—Mine Workers' Union Gains Thousands of New Members—Conflicting Reports from Hazleton—Today's Parade.

Another day of the strike came and went in the Lackawanna region as quietly as the four that preceded it. No change occurred in the tie-up, and nothing having the semblance of disorder was reported from any part of the county.

The news of the shooting at Shenandoah was not generally circulated and consequently caused no excitement locally. A Tribune reporter was the first to apprise the strikers' headquarters of the unfortunate occurrence. President Nichols, Secretary Dempsey and Organizer Burke were the only ones about when the announcement was made. They received it with expressions of deep regret, and hoped the territory would be spared any such occurrences. President Nichols said he didn't look for any trouble in this region, unless an outbreak should occur in one certain place, which is proverbially lawless and needs far less than a strike excitement to work it up into disorder. The meeting of the switchmen's union, to discuss the question of refusing to handle coal now being mined, was one of the most closely watched events of the day. The local officers of the United Mine Workers appealed to the switchmen to aid them in closing up the washeries by refusing to handle cars to or from these places. Some few switchmen quit rather than handle these cars, and the others were in a quandary as to what they should do. They wanted to aid the strikers, but they could not grant their request without first having the permission of their national officers. The grand master and grand secretary were accordingly sent for and came on here Thursday.

Had a Conference.

They met some of the local mine workers' officials yesterday afternoon and also had a conference with the switchmen's officers. In the evening they had a conference with the switchmen's union in Raub's hall, Wyoming avenue, at which all the members not on duty were present, to the number of half a hundred. The session lasted from 7:30 till 11:50 o'clock. When it had concluded and the newspaper men gathered about Grand Master Hawley, they were pleasantly but emphatically informed that nothing was to be told except the fact that a non-union coal question had been discussed; that no definite action was taken; and that another meeting would be held. When asked if the switchmen were advised as to how they should act in the matter, Mr. Hawley said he could not divulge anything that had transpired at the meeting, but suggested that this question would be answered by watching the switchmen today.

"I can say this, however, that the switchmen have enough to do to attend to their own business," Mr. Hawley remarked without preface or in any particular connection. When asked to explain what was to be inferred from this utterance he added: "Well, there are different ways of helping strikers in a case like this."

Asked for Troops.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—Sheriff Toole, of Schuylkill county, today sent a telegram to Adjutant General Stewart, asking for troops, as a result of a clash between marching strikers and coal and iron police at Shenandoah this afternoon. The sheriff's message was delivered to the adjutant general a few minutes after his arrival in this city from Harrisburg. General Stewart is a list of the killed and wounded:

Killed.

MIKE YUCKAVAGE, shot in the eye.

A LITTLE GIRL, name unknown, shot in the back.

Wounded.

So far as can be learned: Edward Corle, aged about 50 years, hit on the head, he was sitting on his stoop. Michael Scanlan, shot in the arm; Anthony Skarnakas, shot in left wrist; John W. Smith, shot in right side, actions; aged 60 years, shot in the hand, married; Peter Stalowitz, 28 years, shot in the shoulder at the back; Mike Sautis, shot in left shoulder; Anthony Anagnost, shot in right side, actions; a 40 caliber bullet removed. Among those who were injured by the rioters were the following: George Beading, of Huntington, ugly gash on right forehead, caused by a brick; Robert Edwards, aged 61 years, injured seriously by being hit with stones; Charles Rawland, aged 35 years, injured on the neck and head by stones.

Weather Indications Today.

PARTLY CLOUDY.

- 1 General—Blowhard at Shenandoah. Local Strike Situation Devoid of Excitement. Bloody Race War in Louisiana. 2 General—Blowhard at Shenandoah (Continued). The Tribune's Educational Content. 3 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania News. Sporting Gossip. 4 Editorial. Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs. 5 Local—Social and Personal. The Woman's View. 6 Local—Wide Fun. Unpleasantness at Luzerne. 7 Local—Local Strike Situation Devoid of Excitement. Carpenters Consider Amendments to Constitution. 8 Local—Wide Fun. Scranton and Suburban. 9 General—Was It Justifiable. Membership of the Associated Press. 10 Local—Was It Justifiable (Short Story). Religious News of the Week. 11 Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Religious News of the Week. 12 Local—Report of the Grand Jury. Financial and Commercial.

BIRDSEYE SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION IN THE LEHIGH AND SCHUYLKILL REGIONS

Hazleton, Sept. 21.—Below is given a list of the collieries in the Hazleton and Schuylkill regions, number of hands employed in normal times, number who worked yesterday and the number who did not work. The list has as working the men at the four Philadelphia and Reading collieries at Shenandoah, who were driven out about noon by the strikers. The table gives in concise form the whole story of the strike.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Colliery and Operator, No. of men employed when colliery working full, No. of men working yesterday, No. of men absent, Increase at work. Lists various collieries like West Brookside, P. & R. C. & L. Co., etc.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Sept. 21.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; light southwesterly winds, becoming variable.