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BOXERS OUT IN VAST NUMBERS

Desperate Fighting Is Probably Ahead of the Allies' Expedition in Pao-Ting-Fu.

LI HUNG CHANG AT PEKIN

Rebels Defeat the Army of Admiral Ho - Canton Is Shaky - Troops There Have Been Greatly Depleted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Peking, Oct. 11.-The Boxers are in great force east and west of Pao-Ting-Fu.

Tien-Tsin, Oct. 12.-The expedition against Pao-Ting-Fu departed in the morning in two columns.

LI HUNG CHANG IN PEKIN.

Dysentery Prevalent Among Troops at Tien Tsin.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Oct. 11.-A special dispatch from Tien Tsin, under date of Oct. 12, announces the arrival at Peking of Li Hung Chang.

According to a special dispatch from Hong Kong the rebels have again defeated the army of Admiral Ho, who was pursuing them in a northerly direction from San-Chun.

IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

Two Reform Movements and the Uprising of the Black Flags.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, Oct. 11.-Letters received in diplomatic circles here from the Chinese legation at the situation in southern China, where an anti-dynastic uprising is now in progress.

PROPOSED CHINESE COURT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shanghai, Oct. 11.-The progress of the Chinese court toward Nian Fu, the new capital, has been delayed in consequence of the presence of a large number of Chinese rebels in the province of Shen Si.

ATHLETIC RECORDS.

The Intercollegiate Association Presents Medals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 11.-The executive and advisory committee of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, at a joint meeting at the Fifth avenue hotel today, allowed the following records: Standard record medals were awarded in each case, the records having been made at the recent games.

YOUTSEY'S CONDITION.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 11.-The condition of Henry S. Yousey is unchanged tonight.

MR. BRYAN PASSES SUNDAY AT AKRON

Attends Church and Listens to a Non-Political Sermon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Akron, O., Oct. 14.-William J. Bryan, the Democratic presidential candidate, spent the day very quietly here.

In the Ohio tour, the state committee has been represented, but committees from the various stopping places have not been encouraged by the state managers, the result being to give the national candidate far more time for rest and reading and the preparation of speeches than he ordinarily has.

SALOONKEEPER'S BODY FOUND IN THE ICE BOX

Henry Wilkins Becomes Despondent Over Ill Health and Kills Himself.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 14.-Henry Wilkins, a Nassau street saloon-keeper, killed himself today. He was despondent over his ill health.

Wilkins left his home in Brooklyn in the morning after kissing his wife several times. When he got to his saloon in this city he telephoned an undertaker, telling him that a friend of his was dead and the undertaker would probably get the job of burying him.

The two notes announced his suicide and brought the wife and undertaker to the saloon. Not being able to get into the saloon, they broke down the door. On the bar was a note which read: "Body in the ice box."

Wilkins was found dead in the big ice box in the cellar. The door of it was shut tight and gas fumes filled it. The body hung by a piece of clothes-line from two hooks driven into a joist overhead. A .45-caliber revolver was fastened to his chest, and a rubber hose fastened to the gas fixture hung at his side.

BOERS ARE ACTIVE IN THE KROONSTADT

General De Wet Proclaims That Burgers Who Refuse to Fight Will Be Made Prisoners.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cape Town, Oct. 14.-The Boers are very active in the Kroonstadt district.

British mounted infantry, scouting from Lindley, had Captain Whitshire killed, through mistaking a party of forty Boers in khaki for friends.

SETBACK IN THE BOURSE.

Unfavorable Influence Exerted Upon Speculation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Oct. 14.-Last week the Bourse had a severe setback, which wiped out the advance made the week before.

ROOSEVELT ON TRUSTS

The Governor Explains Why It Is So Difficult to Corner Corporations in New York.

LETTER TO MR. DICKINSON

Straightforward Discussion of the Trusts Brought to the Surface by the Insinuations of Mr. Bryan.

Efforts That Are Being Made to Dissolve the Ice Trust - Bryan Is to Be the Guest of Mr. Croker.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Spring Station, Ky., Oct. 14.-Here since early this morning, eighteen miles from Lexington, Governor Roosevelt's special train has rested on a Louisville and Nashville sidetrack.

The candidate for vice president, accompanied by Leslie Coombs, chairman of the Republican state central committee; Mrs. Coombs, Major Hersey, of Rough Rider fame, and Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., spent the day at the residence of A. J. Alexander, in the center of a farm comprising 3300 acres.

The rest brought about the desired political brightening. The governor's voice has almost entirely lost its huskiness and he says he feels as well as on the first day of his campaign.

My Dear Sir: Yesterday, Mr. Bryan is speaking in this state. The pro-Bryan press publishes this morning, among other things, the following report of his utterances:

"He talked about the trust in every town he spoke. In six of these towns today the question was first asked by Republicans, who asked him to explain about the trusts. He had an answer that made the crowd gasp the questioner. It was:

"There is a Republican governor and a Republican legislature in New York and what have they done to dole out the ice trust? Answer me that. But then you know the Republican governor of New York has not time to bother with the ice trust, for he is too busy out here telling you about it."

The same charge was made by Mr. Bryan at length in Nebraska and all the press of the country had your answer to it, given, I think, in a speech in the same state. Every reader of the papers, too, knows of your action as governor in respect to the ice trust and I am under the impression also that you recommended the legislation under which such a trust might be reached in New York.

Don M. Dickinson, To Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Terre Haute, Ind.

Roosevelt's Reply.

Governor Roosevelt's reply, dated Evansville, Ind., Oct. 12, follows:

Hon. Don M. Dickinson, Detroit, Mich. My Dear Sir: I thank you very much for your letter of the 11th instant. When Mr. Bryan talks in a quotation contained in your letter, he simply says what he either knows or ought to know to be untrue. It is the slightest foundation in fact. He made a similar statement in regard to the ice trust and I am under the impression that he never answered my question on that point. The statement was printed broadcast he must have seen it and therefore he must know that there is no warrant in fact for the statement as to the ice trust. In my message to the legislature I recommended certain action about trusts. The legislature did not act along the line I suggested, but it did pass a very stringent anti-trust bill, introduced by a member, and I am sure that the legislature is not proceeding against the ice trust under this bill. Mr. Croker and his fellow stockholders in the ice trust, through their attorneys, are carrying on a legal fight through every stage of the proceedings.

Now, as I say, Mr. Bryan knows all this from my previous answer. He knows perfectly well that I cannot "suppress the ice trust" in any manner save by due process of law, and that the attorney general is proceeding against it under the law and is being hampered by the delays inevitable in attacking a corporation well defended by able lawyers retained, as is natural, when the corporation contains stockholders as wealthy as Mr. Croker and his associates. Mr. Bryan knows that where the attorney general is undertaking these proceedings I have absolutely nothing to do with them. He therefore knows that I have taken every step that can be possibly taken in the matter. Under these circumstances, it is unnecessary for me to comment on his continual repetition of a statement which he must know has not the slightest foundation in fact.

Whether the ice trust can legally be dissolved is a question which must be settled by the courts and similarly it is a question to be settled in accordance to law whether or not any of the Tammany leaders who hold stock in it are amenable under the law. The trust itself is certainly one that can be said to be a bad trust, dealing as it does in an article of necessity for the poor of New York. I have no doubt, however, that most of the stockholders have invested in it simply as they would invest in any other corporation. The fact that it is among the heaviest of these investors appear the Tammany leaders, who, in conjunction with Mr. Bryan are loudest in denouncing trusts, hypocritically out carried no further than it has been carried by these men and their friends.

In the Tammany state convention in New York they actually denounced the ice trust in their political capacity, while in their private capacity they were stockholders in it and through their counsel were doing everything to prevent its dissolution by the attorney general. Mr. Bryan is now going to New York to the political camp of Mr. Croker, the ice trust beneficiary. He is going there to try to help Mr. Croker get the control of the state of New York and bring it down to the level of infamy to which Tammany government has reduced the city of New York. Again it seems to me that this needs no further comment than is implied in the statement of the facts.

With hearty thanks for your kindness, I am Faithfully yours, Theodore Roosevelt.

CARROLL WRIGHT'S WAGE BULLETIN

Summary of Data in a Publication on Trusts and Industrial Combinations.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 14.-Hon. Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, has issued a bulletin giving a summary of data in a previous publication on trusts and industrial combinations, showing the rate of wages in various occupations for a period extending back in most cases from the present year to 1891.

The bulletin says that, while the data from which the table of wages was prepared do not afford the basis for a strictly scientific calculation of relative wages, a careful examination of the figures leads to the belief that they are fairly representative and undoubtedly approximately very closely the actual conditions for the whole country. The summary shows as follows the average for wages for 1891 being taken as a basis and representing one hundred:

Table with 2 columns: Occupation, Relative wages. Includes entries for 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.

The bulletin concludes as follows: It may be stated that during the years in which the course of wages declined, the rates of 1891 and 1892 in many instances remained unchanged, and in like manner the last few years, in which the general course of wages had been upward, the wages in these instances have not, of course, responded to the general rise. In other instances the price of decrease was notably large during the years of depression, while during the last two years of the period the reverse is true and a much larger increase really took place than that indicated by the table. In other words, wages in some instances show but little fluctuation, while other instances they are much more sensitive, responding quickly to general conditions of depression or activity. The average condition or general level only is shown in the table, and while, for the reasons stated, the fluctuations during the period have not been so great as popular opinion would indicate, the figures for 1891 and 1900 show a gratifying average increase over the conditions of 1891 and 1892, when wages in gold were higher than at any period in the history of the country prior to the present year.

MR. CONGER'S FIRST PERSONAL LETTER

Received by His Brother, of Pasadena, California - Startling Tales Are Promised.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Benton Harbor, Mich., Oct. 14.-Dr. E. L. Conger, of Pasadena, California, arrived here yesterday, and found a letter waiting for him from Minister Conger, at Peking.

The letter, in part, reads: Peking, China, Aug. 21, 1900. Dear Brother and Sister: This is the first personal letter that I have written since our accidental deliverance. We have had a serious siege and some time I will tell you tales that will make your hair stand. The facts have made me a more sensitive, responsive and more repudiated the agreement than made with their employers. The demand of the strikers that the operators should agree to pay the increased wages for a fixed period is too arbitrary, and the companies will hardly agree to it.

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General Gobin Anxious.

Shenandoah, Oct. 14.-General Gobin is anxiously waiting the verdict of the operators in regard to the terms of settlement agreed upon at the Scranton convention. He is anxious to get away and to send the troops home, but the outbreaks at Onedia and Lattimer last week and the condition of affairs in the Panther Creek region causes him to hesitate, and it is probable that there will be no movement of troops until it is known whether the proposed terms of agreement are acceptable to the operators.

Will Be Guided by Reading.

Shenandoah, Oct. 14.-In an interview with the representative of the Associated Press, D. R. James, senior partner of the Cambridge Coal company, said his company has always paid the same rate of wages as the Philadelphia and Reading company, and would be guided entirely by the action of that company in the matter of accepting the terms agreed upon by the miners in their Scranton convention.

Terms Not Acceptable.

Shamokin, Oct. 14.-The terms of the Scranton convention are not acceptable to operators and representatives of coal carrying companies in this place and Mr. Carmel. The Reading officials do not think the sliding scale will be abolished by the company, while operators are averse to signing a contract binding them to pay the 10 per cent. increase until April.

SHOOTING AT CUMBERLAND.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 11.-Policeman Edward O'Neill shot Owen Stowell, a miner of this county, through the heart here this morning, while trying to effect his arrest for neglect. O'Neill claims the shooting was done in self-defense, and that Stowell had clutched his arm and struck him in the mouth with a rock, he had in his fist.

GALVESTON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Galveston, Oct. 14.-Hogan Sealy, treasurer of the Galveston relief fund, acknowledged receipt of contributions from Oct. 1 to 12 inclusive, amounting to \$198,552. This includes \$125,000 received through Governor Sayers, and \$73,552 received through Mayor Jones. Amount previously acknowledged was \$781,045, making the total to date, \$979,597.

OPERATORS ARE WAITING

Considerable Opposition Is Manifested Against Granting Further Concessions to Miners.

RESULT OF A CANVASS

Individual Operators of the Wyoming Region Are Opposed to Tying Themselves Up to any Agreement - They Are Evidently Holding Off to See What the Large Operators Will Do - General Gobin Awaits Decision.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazelton, Oct. 14.-The individual coal operators who could be seen here today declined to discuss the action taken by the anthracite miners' convention at Scranton yesterday. Neither would they say what steps the employers would probably take. It is evident from their reticence that the individual mine owners are waiting to see what the large coal carrying railroads, that mine coal will do. It is reported in the coal region tonight that the presidents of these railroads will hold a conference in New York tomorrow for discussion of the action of the convention.

There was a story afloat today that the operators will accept the convention's decision, but nothing has come to the surface in this region on which to base the report. The United Mine Workers' officials say that they are now again waiting on the operators and that they will continue to close up the collieries that have been in operation since the strike began four weeks ago. There are many reports in circulation that if the strike continues much longer a break in the ranks of the idle men will occur.

President Mitchell and his associate officials, however, re-assess their confidence that the men, both union and non-union, will remain away from the mines until the strike is declared off. There is a fear prevalent in this region that if some of the men do return to work trouble would probably arise through efforts of the strikers to persuade the men to remain on strike.

All the collieries that are working still remain heavily guarded.

The Opposition.

Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 14.-A canvass of the operators of the Wyoming valley today shows that there is considerable opposition to granting the miners any more concessions than those outlined in the original offer, namely, ten per cent. increase without any condition. The individual operators, especially, are opposed to tying themselves up to any agreement. One operator said the only way the strike can be settled is for the strikers to accept the ten per cent. increase on their own terms.

Superintendent Chase, of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, said: "Not much dependence can be placed on the men when it comes to arbitration. This was shown in the case of Mr. Markie. He favored arbitration, but at the moment of Mitchell's miners repudiated the agreement then made with their employers. The demand of the strikers that the operators should agree to pay the increased wages for a fixed period is too arbitrary, and the companies will hardly agree to it."

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today, Fair, northwesterly winds. 1 General-Operators Will Not Notice Action of Miners' Convention. Opposition in Hazleton Region to Miners' Demands. Boxers Swarm About Pao-Ting-Fu. Colonel Roosevelt to Don. Dickinson. 2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Awakening (Story). 3 Local-Sermon by Rev. Dr. Char. E. Robinson, Assessor Jones Taken to Task. 4 Editorial. News word Comment. 5 Local-Total Abstainers Will Do Active Work This Winter. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round About the County. 8 Local-Saturday's Foot Ball Results, Financial and Commercial.

NEW DEMANDS ARE IGNORED

Operators, It Is Said, Will Not Take Any Cognizance of the Action of Miners' Convention.

STATEMENT MADE BY MR. WATKINS

President of the Temple Iron Company Says the Operators Are Not a United Body and Could Not Act on the Convention's Proposition Even if They Were so Disposed - Mr. Fuller Says It Is Not Up to Operators to Do Anything - Resolutions That Were Adopted at the Convention and What Led Up to Them - Some More About the Myrtorious Mr. Gurnsey.

Following is the result of the convention of miners called to pass upon the operators' offer to advance wages ten per cent:

Whereas, The anthracite coal operators have offered to increase wages 10 per cent. over wages formerly paid, and have signified their willingness to adjust all other grievances of their employees, and

Whereas, They have failed to specify for what length of time this advance would remain in force, and have also failed to abolish the sliding scale of determining the advance, the scale of wages in the last two named districts to remain stationary at 10 per cent. above the present basis, and that the companies will agree to adjust the grievances of other employees, should this proposition be unacceptable to the operators, we recommend that all questions at issue be submitted to a fair and impartial board of arbitration.

We would further recommend that under no circumstances whatever should there be a resumption of work at any of the collieries until the operators signify their acceptance of this proposition, and until you are notified officially that the strike is ended and all return to work in a body on the same day.

What the operators think of the proposition emanating from the miners' convention is set forth in the following interview had last evening with President T. H. Watkins, of the Temple Iron company. The statement came in response to the following question: "What will be your action in regard to the answer given by the United Mine Workers in their convention to the advance in wages made by your company and some of the others?"

"I cannot answer that definitely at this time. We will give our men reasonable time to return to work, trusting that they will see the mistake of being guided and influenced by men who, however honest and sincere they may be in their efforts to benefit the miners of the anthracite region, are unable to advise them intelligently and for their best good, because of their ignorance of the conditions controlling the trade.

Not a United Body.

"Mr. Mitchell apparently thinks that the control of the mining operations rests in the hands of one or two persons, notably Mr. Morgan, or that there is a trust of some sort which can decide the whole question, when, as a matter of fact, there are only three or four of the transportation companies in which any one concern has any influence, and they do not represent more than thirty per cent. of the whole anthracite tonnage. More than one hundred different companies and individuals are interested in mining to the total tonnage, and no one man can control or have the slightest influence over their action.

"One thing the companies are apparently agreed upon and that is that they will not agree. Efforts have been made for years to get some plan to which all could agree, to control the tonnage, so that fair prices could be secured for a product which requires so large an investment of money with such a great risk to the labor employed, as well as the capital employed, but effort after effort has failed through failure to agree on a plan that would not violate the laws, and to which all would agree.

"But Mr. Mitchell comes here and says, in effect: 'No matter how well you may treat your employees, or how much you pay them, or what agreements you may have with them, your men must not go to work until every operator does just exactly what the other one does, and that the Lehigh and Schuylkill men must have a new basis before the men in the Lackawanna and Wyoming region can go to work.'

"There are some individual operators and there are companies who will lose their last dollar before they will enter into an arrangement with other operators or will join in an arrangement to recognize the union by agreeing to any work."

MACHINERY WANTED.

Agricultural Appliances in Demand in New South Wales. Washington, Oct. 14.-A letter received at the United States department of agriculture from Perth College, New South Wales, Australia, calls attention to the great need of improved types of agricultural machinery in that colony.

The writer states that there are not half a dozen machines for cutting and collecting maize in New South Wales and a machine for cutting sugar cane would be greatly appreciated by the cane growers in the north of that colony and in Queensland.

He suggests there are great opportunities there for American manufacturers of agricultural machines, who are desirous of extending their business beyond the United States.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

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