

PROVISIONAL DECLARATION FOR A STRIKE

A Resolution Unanimously Adopted by the Convention of United Mine Workers in Session at Shamokin.

STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT MITCHELL

The Demands That Will Be Made by the United Mine Workers—Before Resorting to Strike an Appeal Will Be Made to the Executive Committee of the National Civic Federation—Mr. Mitchell Regards a Strike as Imminent.

Shamokin, Pa., March 24.—Unless the efforts of the Civic Federation are effective with the coal operators, it is more than likely that a repetition of the struggle of 1900 will occur in the anthracite region. In that year 140,000 employees of the anthracite mines were out on strike for six weeks.

The convention today of Districts No. 3, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America, which districts comprise the entire anthracite field, made a provisional strike declaration, leaving the date to be decided by the executive boards of the three districts.

The adoption of the resolution containing the ultimatum of the mine workers was followed by a scene of wild enthusiasm and the opera house rang with the acclamations of the delegates who, with lusty cheers, approved the work of the special resolution committee and expressed their confidence in President Mitchell.

The convention from the first session showed a disposition to insist on an adjustment of the coal operators' grievances, but the delegates were willing to relinquish the question of recognition, providing other more important concessions were granted.

Strike Seems Imminent. The Civic Federation is regarded by the delegates as the last hope of the mine workers in their demands for improved conditions and the gravity of the situation is manifest in the words of President Mitchell: "I am free to say that to me a strike seems imminent."

The resolution adopted today was the result of a difference of opinion among the delegates as to the methods to be pursued in enforcing the mine workers' demands. Resolutions had been presented to the convention from all of the districts, but none of them were satisfactory to the entire body of delegates.

Postal Embezzlers Receive Sentence. Ten Years Imprisonment and Heavy Fines for Neely, Reeves and Rathbone.

Condition of Rhodes. The district executive boards met tonight to select the fourteen delegates who, under the provisions of the resolution, are to comprise the committee.

Glove Contests. Philadelphia, March 24.—"Tim" Callahan, of this city, had slightly the better of the six-round go with "Sam" Bernstein, of New York, at the Washington Sporting club tonight.

Pennsylvania Tunnel Bill. New York, March 24.—Mayor Love today signed the bill authorizing the Pennsylvania railroad to construct a tunnel under the North river, and to build two railroad stations in the borough of Manhattan.

PALMA AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Cuba's President-elect the Guest of Mr. Roosevelt.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 24.—Mr. T. Estrada Palma, the president-elect of Cuba, met President Roosevelt in his official capacity for the first time tonight, when the former was the guest of honor at an informal dinner at the white house.

While the affair was largely of a social character, the prospective transfer of Cuba from the Americans to the new government, provided for by the recent constitutional convention, was discussed and questions incident thereto received consideration.

SENATE CONSIDERS OLEOMARGARINE BILL

A Measure to Place a Tax of Ten Cents a Pound on the Colored Article—Supported by Proctor.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 24.—Consideration was begun by the senate today of what is popularly known as the oleomargarine bill. The measure places a tax of ten cents per pound on oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter.

Mr. Proctor, of Vermont, chairman of the committee on agriculture, made the opening statement in support of the measure. He concluded with the observation that the pending measure was a measure to protect an honest product against a fraudulent one.

CHOLERA AT MANILA.

Surgeon General Sternberg Does Not Regard the Situation as Serious. Chaffee's Plan Approved.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 24.—Surgeon General Sternberg has received official reports from Manila concerning the progress of the cholera epidemic.

The plan of General Chaffee to expedite the departure of the remaining battalion of the Third infantry from Manila on the transport Grant a week ahead of schedule time, as a precautionary measure against the possible spread of the cholera to troops returning to the United States, is approved at the war department.

DISCUSSING CUBA.

Important Conference Held at the War Department Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 24.—An important conference was held at the war department this afternoon between Secretary Root and General Wood, military governor of Cuba, in regard to Cuban affairs.

General Wood has expressed the opinion that the proposed twenty per cent reduction on Cuban imports will not afford the desired relief to Cuba. He is endeavoring to secure more liberal concessions for the island.

TWO STUDENTS DROWNED.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Havana, N. Y., March 24.—Antonio Oros, of Mexico, and John Watson, of London, Eng., two students of Casavilla Preparatory school here, are reported to have drowned while sailing on Lake Cayuga yesterday.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 24.—The following charters were issued at the state department today: The Pittsburg Paving company, Pittsburg, capital, \$12,000.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 24.—Both legs were today completely severed from the body of Julius Fisher, a 17-year-old colored boy, employed at the Pennsylvania State penitentiary.

MR. WATERSON ON ISSUES

He Calls Attention to the Evils That Threaten the Downfall of the Nation.

TERRORS OF THE MAN ON HORSEBACK

The Kentucky Journalist Believes That President Roosevelt Desires to Be Dictator—The Awful Deeds of the Republican Party Held Under the Glare of the Oratorical Searchlight—A Glance at the Halls of Congress Where "Old High Tariff Dances the Can-Can."

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 24.—About 150 guests were present tonight at the biennial banquet of the Virginia Democratic association held in the banquet room of the Metropolitan hotel.

MUSICIAN DROWNED.

J. H. Hahn, of the Detroit Conservatory—His Career.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Detroit, March 24.—J. H. Hahn, director of the Detroit conservatory of music and a musician widely known throughout the country, was drowned this morning at English lake country home at Coney lake, near Connetquot.

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MILLER DROPS DEAD.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Scranton, March 24.—Mr. Robert Miller, of Snyder & Huddleston, the well known miller, dropped dead, presumably of apoplexy, while repairing some bolts in the mill, deceased was 62 years old, and has worked in the mill in this section, being a thoroughly practical man at the trade.

FUSION IN LUZERNE.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, March 24.—At a meeting of the Democratic county committee today a resolution was adopted pledging the Luzerne Democracy to fusion with the independent Republicans in the next state campaign.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

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PEACE TERMS OFFERED BOERS

There Will Be No Banishment If the Military Leaders Conclude to Surrender.

MINISTER DISAPPEARS.

Friends of Rev. J. C. Bennett, Pastor of the M. E. Church at Lansford, Alarmed at His Absence.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Lancaster, March 24.—The mysterious disappearance of Rev. J. C. Bennett, pastor of the Methodist church at Lansford, and his failure to arrive at the conference at Columbia, is causing great worry to his wife and fellow members.

GENERAL KITCHENER REPLIES TO SCHALK

The Burger's Request for Peace Seems to Have Been Received with Favor—Transvaal Leader Goes to Consult with President Steyn. London Is Not So Sanguine—Assonishment at the Hague.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. London, March 24.—There is good reason to believe that Lord Kitchener, in his interview with Mr. Schalk-Burger, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation, issued in September, if General De Wet and the other Boer leaders surrendered.

GEN. MILES' STATEMENT

The Official Records Omit Many Features in Published Reports.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 24.—General Miles has received a transcript of the record of his testimony before the senate military committee, and was engaged today in revising it in accordance with the practice of the committee in such cases, before it is printed in the form of an official document.

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Cut in Two by a Train.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 24.—James Finney, aged 25 years, a farm hand, was cut in two by a freight train last night, while walking on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Lucknow.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 24.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern Pa. + + + + +