

AGAIN REFERRED TO FEDERATION

Result of the Conference Between Presidents and Miners is Shrouded in Mystery.

THOSE AT MEETING REFUSE TO TALK

They Say That the Arrangement with the National Civic Federation, Which Appointed Them as a Conference Committee, Makes It Necessary to Withhold All Information Until a Report is Made to the Federation at a Meeting to be Called at Once—Indications Are That Something Was Accomplished.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 30.—After spending two entire days in endeavoring to arrive at a settlement of their differences, the operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, who were brought together by the good offices of the National Civic Federation, have again referred their troubles to the committee on conciliation of that body.

When the committee will meet for the purpose of taking the matter up has not yet been decided. It is definitely settled, however, that the probability is that the meeting will take place either Friday or Saturday of the present week.

Nothing for the Public. "Our conference with the operators," said President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, "has been brought to a close. According to an arrangement with the National Civic Federation, by which the conference committee was appointed, we are to report to that body at a meeting, the date of which has yet to be determined. Outside of this, I cannot say anything for the public."

A little later a "general" statement was given out by the representatives of the big coal concerns at the conference. President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, acted as spokesman for the coal companies.

Under the arrangement with the National Civic Federation," said he, "it was understood that the report of this committee should be made to that body. The committee on conciliation of that organization will meet Friday or Saturday. Until that body meets, we cannot make a report to anybody."

All Information Guarded. In answer to a question, President Baer said that this was the arrangement, whether the negotiations result in an agreement or disagreement. Every effort to obtain additional information, either from the operators or the miners who have taken part in the conference proved futile.

The conference today began in the forenoon and continued, with a slight interruption for luncheon until late in the afternoon. Luncheon was served in the private offices of President Baer, where the conference had been in progress since Tuesday forenoon.

Lived Up to Agreement. As the previous day, the large delegation of workers from the affected districts, composed mainly of the executive boards of the district organizations, who accompanied President Mitchell to this city, hovered about the Jersey Central building, where the conference was being held. One of them, who asked that his name be used, took occasion to deny the reports that the Philadelphia and Reading and other large companies were putting in stores of coal and loading coal on cars ready to be moved in preparation for trouble.

He said that the companies had lived up to the letter of the agreement made when the truce was made. He considered this a sign in favor of an amicable adjustment. The delegation of miners will remain here for the present.

Secretary Easley of the civic federation when seen tonight said he had not yet learned what the result of the conference had been. He said he would communicate at once with the members of the committee on conciliation, for the purpose of arranging for the meeting.

Granted Pensions. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—Pensions were granted today to Silas Wiman, Scranton, 81; Ottilie Witt, Wilkes-Barre, 88.

A MAY DAY STRIKE.

Large Number of Men Will Refuse to Work in Pittsburgh.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, April 30.—The May day strike fever is on in this city and in the morning nearly twelve thousand workmen will fall to report for duty because their employers have refused to comply with their demands for advances in wages and shortening of hours, the principal demand of all the unions being for an 8-hour day. Those who will strike tomorrow are the structural iron workers, numbering 2,500; carpenters, 5,000; house painters, 250; tile setters, 200; slate and tile roofers, 300; sheet metal workers, 300; plumbers (probably) 650; bricklayers, 2,000; lathers, 300.

The striking of these men will stop much of the building operations now under progress.

The scales of the painters, plasterers, ornamental iron workers and elevator constructors and leemen have been signed. It was hoped today that the structural iron workers strike would be averted by a compromise offered by the American Iron Works company. In this offer the company agreed to pay 47 1/2 cents an hour for an eight hour day for Pittsburg workers and including all within a radius of 75 miles. A special meeting of the union was held tonight and the offer was rejected.

TO CREATE A BIG FUND FOR DEFENCE

Amalgamated Association to Increase Amount from \$25,000 to \$100,000—The Headquarters.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 30.—Thursday will be the last day of the Amalgamated association convention. Today the report of the committee on constitution and general laws was disposed of and the report of the committee on good of the order, claims, grievances and appeals was taken up. The convention spent all morning on the report of the committee on constitution and general law.

Considerable discussion was had over the proposed increase in the defense fund. It is now \$25,000 and the proposition was to increase it to \$100,000. The most prominent members of the association favored the change, arguing that the last strike was lost because the association did not have sufficient funds to carry on the battle. Every effort was made by the association to bring this matter to a vote, but the president, Mr. Baer, refused to divide anything concerning it. The Associated Press learned, however, on good authority, that the resolution carried, and that steps will be taken at once to put the association in a position to carry on a strike for a year, should one ever occur again.

From a public point of view, the proceedings Thursday will be of great interest. The principal discussion will come out of the report of the good of the order committee regarding proposed removal of headquarters from Pittsburgh. Wheeling, Youngstown, Columbus or Newmarket. On account of the way the opposition to Pittsburgh is split there is little doubt that the headquarters will remain where they are. Another important matter is the proposition to add an insurance feature to the association.

The election of officers will be held in the afternoon. There is no reason to alter the prediction that President Shaffer and the other principal officers will be re-elected. The hottest contest will be over M. F. Tighe's position of assistant secretary. Harry Griffiths, of Woodford City, Pa., and John Jones, of McKees Rocks, Pa., are approved candidates. It is probable that no candidates will be nominated against Mr. Shaffer.

PADEBROWSKI'S DENIAL. Says He Never Spoke Unkindly of Kubelik—Sails for Home.

New York, April 30.—Ignace Paderewski sailed for Europe on the Hamburg today. He had been in the city for three months here. He had been in the city for three months here. He had been in the city for three months here.

LABOR TROUBLES. Chicago, Ill., April 30.—Seven hundred employees of Morgan and Wright, manufacturers of tires, went on strike today to compel the reinstatement of fellow workmen, who, it is claimed, were discharged for joining a labor union. One hundred of the strikers are girls.

Peterston, N. J., April 30.—At a meeting this afternoon of the striking dyers' helpers, it was decided to strike out the five year clause in the agreement submitted by the men to the employers.

Toledo, O., April 30.—Two hundred men, mostly on strike today and the tanks of the city more men, who have stated that they would go out in the morning. The mobbers demand an advance in their wages of 10 per cent, making the minimum wages \$2.50 per day.

Boston, April 30.—The 400 members of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' union of Boston and vicinity, after several conferences with their employers have secured an advance from 27 1/2 to 40 cents per hour to go into effect tomorrow.

Springfield, Ill., April 30.—Miners and operators of the Chicago and Alton subsurface met today at Alton in an endeavor to settle the questions left open by the state conference of miners and operators. They were unsuccessful and all the mines in the district, including Auburn, Devonon, Green Ridge, Carville and Girard will be idle until an agreement shall be reached. From 1,500 to 2,000 miners are involved.

TO TEST BROOKS LAW.

Action Begun in Allegheny by a Disappointed Saloon Keeper.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 30.—Theodore Weiss, of No. 73 Frankstown avenue, Nineteenth ward, who has for the past week refused a license to continue the sale of liquors, by Attorney L. C. Barton, today filed a petition for a mandamus on County Treasurer Thomas G. McClure, in common pleas court No. 2, to show cause why the respondent should not issue to him a license to conduct a tavern at his present place of business in the Nineteenth ward. Weiss has had a license for some time and was an applicant again at the present session of the license court.

The petition, which is to test the constitutionality of the Brooks law, sets forth that the sum of \$500 was tendered Treasurer McClure, that being the exact amount required under the provisions of the act of assembly of Pennsylvania, approved April 3, 1872, and that notice was served on the petitioner by the county auditor by registered mail, requiring said treasurer to issue the license as applied for.

NEGRO HANGED, BODY RIDDLED

Had Shot and Wounded a White Man and a Furious Mob Quickly Did the Rest.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bradenburg, Ky., April 30.—Ernest Dowley, a negro, who shot and seriously wounded Harry Dowell, a young white man at Gaston, about seven miles from this place, was hanged by a mob at 2:30 o'clock this morning, and his body riddled with bullets. The mob arrived here early from the Gaston neighborhood and demanded admission to the jail, where Dowley was confined. The jailer refused to give up the keys, and the mob battered the doors down and secured the negro, whom they carried about a mile and a half from town, where they hanged him to a tree. After he had strangled to death the mob fired the body with bullets and then quietly dispersed.

The shooting which caused the lynching took place yesterday afternoon. Dowley had been ejected from Pickersall's saloon at Gaston and later, meeting Pickersall at the railroad station, opened the door of the saloon and struck Harry Dowell, a by-stander, seriously wounding him. The negro was arrested and brought here as a safeguard against lynching.

County Judge Hagan today held an inquest on the body, returning a verdict that death had resulted at the hands of a mob of persons unknown. Circuit court is in session and the grand jury will investigate the lynching immediately.

BIG WELCOME FOR PALMA.

Cuban President-elect to Have a Gay Time in Santiago.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Santiago de Cuba, April 30.—President-elect Palma will arrive here tomorrow morning. The mayor of this city has proclaimed that the remaining days of this week are to be regarded as holidays here, and no work will then be permitted. The city has been elaborately decorated in honor of Senor Estrada Palma's arrival. Every business house and residence in Santiago displays bunting and palm leaves and thousands of Cuban and American flags are flying. Twenty triumphal arches have been erected in the city and the streets are escorted through the city by a detachment of American troops.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Verdict Returned Against Victor Zorambo Who Killed Senick.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 30.—Victor Zorambo, charged with the murder of Anthony Senick, was convicted of murder in the first degree this afternoon. Senick was an employee of the Excelsior mine at Pittston. He carried his savings in a bag on his person. His life was taken to secure this money. The victim's body was discovered in an isolated part of the mine. His head had been crushed with an axe. He was returned to the hospital, where he died a short time afterwards. A month later, Zorambo and a man named Peter Lenosky were arrested for complicity in the murder. Both men made confessions, in which they accused each other of the crime. Lenosky will now have to stand trial.

Mishap at Sea.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 30.—The tug boat Volunteer has reached this port after having lost the barges Henry Hughes and Baxter of Penfield reef, Island sound. Only one man, William Simon, was on the Baxter and there is hope that he may have escaped drowning by clinging to wreckage. Joseph Mitchell, son of the captain of the Hughes, was drowned.

Sons of the Revolution.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—The annual congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution convened in this city today, with about 200 delegates present. The ladies accompanying the national officers and the delegates of the state societies were received at the white house by Mrs. Roosevelt.

STATE NOTES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Reading, April 30.—The third annual state convention of the Straw-Tie Association met here today. Delegates from all parts of the state were in attendance. The association is of a social character and composed of members of the Sons of America.

Philadelphia, April 30.—The Russian battleship Borzoi, built by the Grampus, left the shipyard today for Russia. Philadelphia, April 30.—Three men met death in a shaft of the filtration works in the northeastern part of the city today by the overturning of an iron bucket in which they were being lowered to the bottom of the 120-foot shaft. The unfortunate victims fell 103 feet, having descended only 13 feet when the bucket overturned.

CRY OF FIRE CAUSES PANIC

And It Results in the Crushing to Death of Eight Factory Girls.

IS ALL DUE TO AN ELEVATOR MISHAP

The Janitor Had Looked Down the Shaft and Been Struck on the Head by the Descending Cage—When the Foreman Turned in an Ambulance Call One of the Excited Girls Yelled "Fire!" There Was a Wild Stampede to the Narrow Stairway and in the Crush the Damage Was Done.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 30.—An unfortunate accident to a deaf and dumb boy, Isador Bacus, was today directly responsible for the death of eight girls and young women, the fatal injury of three others and the serious injury of more than two score of girls employed in the cigar factory of Harburger, Hoffman & Co., a branch of the American Tobacco company, located at Tenth street and Washington avenue. The dead are:

- MARY GRESBA, aged 15 years. HELEN TOLIN, aged 12. ELIZABETH TARTINE, aged 15. ANNE BOSSCHNEIDER, aged 15. LOUISA DE SEEL, aged 16. HAZEL BAKER, aged 15. ANNE FORB, aged 13. Unidentified woman, about 25 years of age, who body is at the morgue.

Fatally Injured.

Mary Meslin, injured internally, skull fractured. Elizabeth Wilson, injured internally. Unidentified woman, fractured skull, incomplete.

The injuries of the others consist mainly of bruises about the body and fractured limbs. The building, in which the disaster occurred, is a five-story brick structure and reaches an entire block. Twelve hundred persons were at work at the time of the accident, ninety per cent of whom were girls whose ages range from 12 to 25 years.

How the Trouble Began.

The trouble began on the fourth floor of the structure. Bacus, who was janitor of the building, started for the fifth floor for a ball of twine. He carried it on the top of the shaft and Bacus pulled the rope to bring it down. He opened the door leading to the shaft and leaned forward to see where the carriage was. As he did so the elevator, which was descending slowly, struck him across the back of the head, and he fell between the elevator and the floor. A stock boy released Bacus and cried for help. The foreman rushed from the building to call an ambulance, and immediately there was a panic among the employees. Some of the younger girls fainted, while others, not being able to control their feelings, cried fire.

Instantly there was a mad rush for the stairway leading into Tenth street. The girls rushed down the narrow staircase until they reached a bend in the exit, between the second and third floors, in their eagerness to escape the frightened leaders fell. Others immediately following tripped over the struggling mass of humanity and in less than a minute there were hundreds of children and young women struggling in the passageway. The shrieks and cries of the terror-stricken girls could be heard for a block or more. During the excitement an alarm of fire was turned in, but before the engines could reach the scene, several of the occupants of the building had rushed to the window and jumped to the street, a distance of over fifty feet. Helen Tolini, one of those to jump, was almost instantly killed.

Firemen to the Rescue.

When the firemen and policemen arrived every effort was made to quiet the terrified girls. The firemen rushed up the stairway and begged the girls to be calm, telling them that there was absolutely no danger, but the sight of the flames seemed only to add fuel to the fire. While the policemen and firemen were endeavoring to quiet the girls on the stairway, ladders were being run up on the outside of the building and the employees who had climbed out on the fire escapes and window ledges were quickly taken to the street. After few minutes the men were enabled to check the awful crush on the stairway and then began the work of rescuing those who had been trampled and crushed between the second and third floors. A call for ambulances had been turned in and as quickly as the dead and injured were carried from the building they were hurried to hospitals. The number of ambulances were entirely inadequate and patrol wagons were brought into use to carry the victims away for treatment.

Heartrending Scenes.

While this was being done the scene about the structure was heartrending. The building is located in a section largely inhabited by Hebrews, many of whom were caught in the terrible crush. Parents and relatives of the unfortunate girls were screaming and rushing about the streets like mad and it was almost impossible for the police officials to restrain the mothers and relatives of supposed victims from entering the building.

The work of rescuing the girls from the windows was necessarily tedious. They were so excited that they did not seem to understand the pleadings of the firemen. At nearly every window of the huge structure were girls screaming and crying for help. Many were so excited that it was with the greatest difficulty that they were pre-

vented from jumping from the building, notwithstanding that there was not a sign of fire and their rescue seemed only the work of a few minutes. It was almost impossible to get an intelligent idea of the disaster and it was three hours after the accident occurred before a single victim was identified. The body at the morgue was identified tonight as Joanna Gilly, aged 22 years.

LONG LEAVES THE CABINET.

His Successor to Be Installed This Morning—Few Changes Expected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 30.—Secretary Long closed his official career as the head of the naval establishment today. It has been arranged that Secretary Moody shall assume the duties of secretary of the navy tomorrow morning. Very few changes will follow the change in the head of the department. The only one which will take effect at once will be the installation of Fred L. Fishback as confidential clerk in place of Mr. Greer, who has been appointed an assistant secretary in the navy. Mr. Fishback is clerk of the house committee on banking and currency and is a personal friend of the new secretary.

Secretary Long was given a complimentary dinner at the new Willard hotel tonight by the chief in the various bureaus of the department, with whom he has been associated during his official career, which came to a close today. Covers were laid for fifteen.

CASTRO TYRANNY BEGINS TO TREMBLE

Venezuelan Rebels Win a Complete Victory and Are Marching on Caracas the Capital.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Caracas, Venezuela, April 30.—Gen. Gonzalez, president of the district of Cumana, was made a prisoner during the fighting on April 23, near San Antonio, when the government troops sustained a serious defeat and General Castillo was mortally wounded. The revolutionists are marching on the city of Cumana. A panic prevails at Caracas and Barcelona. Trinidad, B. W. I., April 30.—The news of the defeat of the government troops by the rebels on the 23rd, which has already been cabled, is confirmed. The death of the government general, Castillo, is also confirmed. General Escalante, the second in command of the Venezuelan army, who was reported missing after Tuesday's fight, has been made prisoner by the insurgents. He was one of President Castro's most faithful officers, and formerly was governor of Caracas. He came from Castro's native state, Los Andes. General Landaez and his entire staff were taken prisoners by the rebels, and the Venezuelan forces also lost their ammunition and artillery to the enemy. Barcelona, in the state of Bermudez, where General Velutini, the minister of the interior, is stationed, was menaced by insurgents yesterday.

The Venezuelan government is said to be in ignorance of the whereabouts of General Monagas of the insurgent forces, who, with a force of 1,800 men, has not been heard from in six days. It is generally believed that he has taken advantage of the battle of last Tuesday to push his army forward in the direction of Caracas.

STRIKE-RIDDEN PATERSON.

Carpenters Go Out and Other Trades Expected to Follow.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paterston, N. J., April 30.—Between 500 and 600 carpenters went on strike here today. Tomorrow the electrical workers and hod carriers are expected to strike. The striking carpenters demand 27 1/2 cents an hour for an eight hour day, excepting on Saturday, when the day will be one of four hours. They ask double pay for all overtime. The only change in the dyer's helpers strike today was that the dyeing house of Simpson signed the agreement submitted by the men for five years. The supply of dyed silk is becoming very scarce and many looms are idle.

ENOUGH TO SICKEN ONE.

Mawkish Women Write Gushing Letters to Sentenced Boy Murderers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Plattsburg, N. Y., April 30.—Many letters are received at Clinton prison, Dannemora, N. Y., each day addressed to the three Van Wormer boys, who are confined in the death house there under sentence for the murder of their uncle, Peter Halleback, near Hudson, N. Y. Ninety-five of them are penned by women, and most of the missives express sympathy for the men in their marriage. A few have contained proposals of marriage, others are requests to exchange photographs, and they come from all parts of the country. Not one of them is delivered to the young men.

His Recovery Seems Assured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 30.—No bulletin regarding Archbishop Corrigan's condition was given tonight. Dr. Keyes upon leaving the sick room at 10 o'clock said his patient was recovering nicely from a slight relapse of his illness. His temperature was normal and he was taking an interest in affairs. For the first time since the beginning of his sickness he was able to partake of solid food three times today. All traces of the pneumonia have now disappeared and recovery is looked for with assurance.

Back Pay for Government Employees.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—Senator Foraker today introduced a bill providing for the readjustment, under the terms of the eight-hour law, of the accounts of letter carriers, laborers, watchmen and all others who have been employed by the government since 1898, except in a clerical capacity, who are in receipt of their pay for all the time they have been employed in excess of eight hours.

GENERAL SMITH'S DEFENSE

Natives Had Been Ordered by Lucban, the Insurgent, to Poison Their Spears.

HE ALSO FED THEM ON YELLOW NEWS

Spread Reports That German Warships Were Bombarding Vigan and That the Filipino Navy Was Blockading Manila—Rear Admiral Bob Evans Hoists His Flag—Last Organized Band in Samar Has Surrendered, Leaving the Island Pacified.

PEACE PROGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Question of Amnesty to Cape Rebels Is the Obstacle at Present, but Kitchener Is Hopeful.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 30.—The war office received dispatches from Lord Kitchener today, but he made no mention of the reported surrender of De La Ray's commandos. As a matter of fact, De La Ray arrived at Klerksdorp April 25, and his commandos, under General Kemp, were arranging to hold a meeting westward of that place during the present week.

A dispatch from Pretoria, dated today, announces that State Secretary Reitz, of the Transvaal, has had a meeting with Commandant Beyers, in the Pietersburg district, but the result, if any, is not known. The officials of the foreign office say they do not expect definite news regarding peace much earlier than a fortnight from date. Meanwhile, they consider the prospects favorable. The question of amnesty to the Cape rebels is understood to constitute the obstacle at present.

ALLIES OF QUAY TO TALK IT OVER

They Hire the Harrisburg Board of Trade for Caucus on the Day Before the Convention.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, April 30.—The board of trade auditorium has been engaged by adherents of Senator Quay for all day on June 10, the date before the Republican state convention for the nomination of candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of internal affairs. It is expected that a caucus of Quay's friends will be held during the day to ascertain their strength in the convention and map out a plan of campaign.

The senator will be one of the delegates from Beaver county. The last time he was a state delegate was in 1895, when he was elected state chairman, after a bitter fight with Colonel B. Frank Gillespie, of Bucks county, who was backed by the Bucks administration and the city administration in Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

RECIPROCITY WINS. Senate Committee Reports Favorably on All Treaties but Two.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 30.—The senate committee on foreign relations today agreed to report favorably all the reciprocity treaties before the committee except the treaty with Argentina and the treaty with Great Britain pertaining to Jamaica which the committee decided to report adversely.

The treaties on which favorable reports were recommended are those between the United States and France, New York, Quebec and the Dominican republics and four with Great Britain covering Bermuda, Barbadoes, British Guiana and Turks and Caicos islands. The senate committee on foreign relations today agreed to report favorably all the reciprocity treaties before the committee except the treaty with Argentina and the treaty with Great Britain pertaining to Jamaica which the committee decided to report adversely.

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YOUNG COOLIZER HELD. Pleaded Guilty to the Charge of Larceny.

Floyd Coolizer, the 16 year old boy arrested for wholesale larceny of McConnell and company's store as exclusively noted in yesterday's Tribune was arraigned before Magistrate Millar yesterday morning and entered a formal plea of guilty. The specific charge against him is larceny.

Magistrate Millar held him under \$300 bond for his appearance at court. This will be furnished today.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, April 30.—James A. Allison, of Columbia, assistant corporation clerk of the Columbia general department, died suddenly of heart failure this evening, while conversing with friends.

Pittsburg, April 30.—Chief Engineer Francis Caldwell Dade, E. S. N., retired, died here today of heart disease. He entered the navy in 1849, at the age of 23 years, as an assistant engineer, and was retired in 1889. He was a son of General Lawrence P. Dade, who fought in the war of 1812.

Stroudsburg, April 30.—A few moments after midnight last night the Hon. J. B. Westbrook, whose funeral was being attended at Dingmans, Dr. Philip Palmer dropped dead of heart trouble at the age of 72 years. Mr. Palmer was a very able physician and public-spirited citizen and was proprietor of the High Falls Hotel, a popular hotel near Dingmans Ferry. Mr. Palmer served as superintendent of the Pike county schools for some years, as postmaster and was a delegate to several state conventions.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, April 30.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania, fair; Thursday: Friday increasing cloudiness; light variable winds, mostly west.