

FULL WEEK ON THE PHILIPPINES BILL

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NICARAGUA CANAL BILL TO BE DISCUSSED

The Best Sugar Men Predict a Month's Debate Upon the Measure. They Welcome the Introduction of Any Question Which Will Defer Consideration of the Cuban Bill. The Immigration Bill Will Have the Right of Way in the House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 25.—From present indications the senate will devote another full week, if not a longer time to consideration of the Philippine bill. The prediction is freely made that a vote will not be reached before the middle of the following week. There are still a number of set speeches promised on the bill, and some other senators have not yet indicated whether they will speak or not. Senator Burrows will be heard tomorrow in advocacy of the bill, and among others who are expected to speak during the week are Senators Patterson, Pettus, Bailey and Bacon, in opposition to the bill and Senator Spooner in its support. When the set speeches are disposed of, there will be an effort to secure two or three days time for consideration of amendments, allowing speeches not exceeding ten or fifteen minutes on each of them.

It is not expected that there will be any session of the senate on Friday, as that is Memorial Day, and a holiday. The practical matter of adjournment on Memorial Day has not been uniform and there may be an effort to keep the senate in session, but this effort will be antagonized.

The continued deferment of the time for taking a vote on the Philippine measure has caused considerable dissatisfaction in the preparation for discussion of the Nicaragua canal bill and the Cuban reciprocity bill, which will be taken up next in succession or jointly. The best sugar people predict a month's debate on the Nicaragua bill, but this prediction is not in accord with the views of the advocates of the Nicaragua bill, or its opponents in the isthmian canal commission. Both these elements are saying that the sooner the vote is reached the better they will be satisfied. The best sugar men, however, are counting confidently on the co-operation of the side which finds itself in the minority in the matter of postponing the vote on the canal bill. In other words, the best sugar advocates welcome the introduction of any question which will defer consideration of the Cuban bill, since they think that there will be no Cuban legislation at all if the taking up of that question can be postponed until after the passage of all the appropriation bills.

The Appropriation Bills. The appropriation bills should be passed before the first of July in order to supply money for the support of the government after that date and they consequently expect that considerable time will be given during the month of June to the appropriation bills remaining undisposed of.

They count confidently on the early adjournment of congress after the appropriation bills are out of the way and they hint that if after that time there is an effort to pass the Cuban bill it will be incumbent on the friends of the bill to maintain a quorum in the senate.

"It would be hardly fair," said a best sugar Republican senator today in discussing the contingency mentioned, "to expect the opponents of the proposed reduction to assist in prolonging a session in midsummer for the purpose of passing a measure which they do not want to see enacted into law."

There is still a considerable Republican element in the senate opposed to the tariff reduction and it is asserted by the best sugar men that the forty-five Republicans necessary to pass the bill have not yet been secured. It is declared, however, that a practically unanimous vote could be secured for a rebate measure.

Immigration Bills in House. Under the special order adopted last week, the bill to regulate immigration will have the right of way over all measures except appropriation bills, revenue bills and conference reports. Debate on this bill probably will be resumed on Tuesday, Monday being set aside for the consideration of measures coming from the committee on the District of Columbia, but should it be passed the immigration bill can be disposed of on Monday, Chairman Hancock, of the District of Columbia committee may yield Monday to the immigration bill, taking the day following for District of Columbia matters. After the immigration bill is acted upon the committee on rules will report a special order for the consideration of the anti-anarchy bill, or as it is known "A bill for the protection of the President of the United States, and to prevent crime against government." This will be followed by the subsidiary coinage bill. It is anticipated by the leaders of the house that these measures will occupy the entire week, in which event the Pacific cable bill will not be reached until the first week in June. It is in turn will be followed by the irrigation bill, the committee on rules having agreed to report special rules

for the consideration of these measures in the order named.

AWAKENED BY THE CANNON BALL

The Valley Company Steals a March on Pittston Officials.

Special to The Scranton Tribune. Pittston, May 25.—Before the city had awakened this morning, the "Cannon Ball" trolley company had a force of fifty men laying a track across Market and Pine streets, alongside the Erie railroad tracks. It was a cleverly stolen march on the city officials. For some time the trolley company has made unsuccessful efforts to secure from the city council the right of way over the streets. But there was a squabble among the "powers that be" and the franchise ordinance was killed in the select council.

The company is determined to go through the city, however; and if not by one means, then by another. At 4 o'clock this morning the company's road builders were at work and by 7 o'clock the street and been torn up and one track laid across Market and Pine streets. Word of what was going on soon flew throughout the city, but the officials seemed to pay no heed to it, and the work continued all day, watched by hundreds of spectators, and by this evening two tracks had been laid at these points. The councilmen who were opposed to the company are highly indignant over the action and there may be breezy developments.

NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE

It Is Expected That Announcement of the Terms May Be Made Any Day.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pretoria, May 25.—The Boer deputations is still here, and the conferences at Vereeniging continue. Nothing definite as to the result is known, but it is believed the negotiations are proceeding favorably. At the celebration of Victoria day yesterday, a large crowd gathered in the square here, expecting to hear a proclamation of peace. There were no disturbances.

As confirming the probability that peace is not distant, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the premier of New Zealand, who is now visiting here, has sent a cablegram home in which he said: "I have had a satisfactory interview with Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner. I do not think another New Zealand contingent is necessary."

London, May 25.—The Daily Mail this morning says the announcement of peace may be expected at any moment and that it will be found that the government has remained inflexible on all vital points at issue.

PAUNCEFOTE'S FUNERAL.

Military Escort Will Be Provided by the War Department.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 25.—With the exception of a few details, the arrangements for the funeral services over the remains of Lord Pouncefote, the British ambassador, who died yesterday morning, are now complete. Lady Pouncefote today signified her approval of the arrangements tentatively made yesterday, by which services are to be held Wednesday at noon in St. John's Episcopal church, after which the body is to be temporarily deposited in a receiving vault at Rock Creek cemetery. A military escort will be provided by the war department to attend the funeral, which will be of a state character.

A large number of messages of condolence from all over the world were received at the embassy today, but they were not made public.

FERNIE MINE HORROR.

Eighty Bodies Still Remain in the Chambers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Victoria, B. C., May 25.—Colonel Pryor tonight received two dispatches from Fernie. In one, A. Dick, inspector of mines, says:

"All bodies in No. 3 mine and high lying positions of No. 2 (40) recovered. Air turned into west division near where other bodies are."

Mr. Armstrong, the government agent, says:

"Forty bodies recovered; about eighty still missing; twenty-two escaped alive. No fire in mine. Jury uncharged last night and adjourned for a week. Everything possible being done."

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED AT MARTINIQUE.

The People of Fort de France Are Somewhat Quieter.

Special to The Scranton Tribune. Pointe-a Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe, May 25.—The steamer Lifield belonging to the Guadeloupe Steamboat company, arrived here this morning from Martinique and reports the conditions on that island to be unchanged. The people at Fort de France were somewhat quieter when the Lifield left there.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 25.—Arrived: Columbia, Glasgow; Potadam, Rotterdam and Bologna Sur Mer; Umbria, Liverpool and Queenstown. Gibraltar-Sailed: Kaiserin Maria Theresa (from Genoa and Naples), New York. Queenstown-Sailed: Lucania (from Liverpool), New York.

DEATH OF WILLIAM D. LUSK.

A Prominent Montrose Attorney and Banker Passes Away.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Montrose, Pa., May 25.—William D. Lusk, a prominent citizen and attorney of Montrose, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Searle McCollum, in this village, Friday evening, after about two weeks' illness with pneumonia. Mr. Lusk was born at Great Bend, Pa., in 1833. He received an academic education at Homer, N. Y., preparatory to entering college, but on graduating commenced reading law with Little & Post, of Montrose. He was admitted to the Susquehanna county bar in November, 1859. After spending several years in the army and two years in the west he returned to Montrose and opened a law office of his own. He practiced law in Montrose from 1866 to 1871, and then formed a partnership with Mr. Loomis, of Scranton. Returning to Montrose in '78 he formed a partnership with the late Eugene O'Neil and since that time has been a resident of this place. He was elected vice-president of the First National bank of Montrose in '86 and in '87 was made president of the institution. The deceased is survived by a wife, Mrs. Pauline Dayton Lusk, one daughter, Mrs. Searle McCollum, of Montrose, and one son, Frank Lusk, esq., of Seattle. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

THE STRIKE OF THE SOFT COAL MINERS

Will Begin June 7 and Last Until the Demands of from 10 to 23 Per cent Are Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Huntington, W. Va., May 25.—The United Miners, who were in session here Friday and Saturday, adjourned last night, after ordering a general strike of all the miners in West Virginia and Virginia, to begin June 7 and last until the demands of 10 to 23 per cent. increase in wages are granted. The resolutions sent to the mine operators are as follows:

"We are mining coal in many places in these states at a lower rate than any other place in the world. We have decided to cease work on and after Saturday, June 7, until the scale of wages adopted at Huntington, W. Va., March 18, 1902, a copy of which is herewith furnished you, has been complied with, or you have met us in joint conference and another scale has been mutually agreed upon."

"In notifying you of our decision to cease work, we desire to impress upon you the fact that we fully realize the responsibility of such a step. We understand the hunger and other hardships that we and our families will have to endure. We know that it means loss of profits to you and that many thousands not directly connected with our trade will suffer if the mines are closed. We have sought to avoid this by conciliatory measures, and we say to you now that we are ready to meet you in joint conference, for the purpose of considering and, if possible, adjusting these grievances at any time and place that may be mutually agreed upon, either before or after the strike, and we desire you to accept this as a standing invitation to that effect."

From authentic sources, it is learned that the miners, in case a strike is called, expect to have enlisted 80,000 miners and laborers at the beginning of the strike in West Virginia, which is over three-fourths of the working population of the coal sections, and they will also enlist in their cause the many trades unions and the American Federation of Labor, which are thoroughly organized, and especially in West Virginia, which will aid them through sympathy. This, with those who will have to quit work on account of the closing of the mines, will reach a total of 125,000 idle men in the two states.

The following is the order authorizing the suspension of work:

To the Miners and Laborers of Virginia and West Virginia: Greeting: All the efforts on the part of your officers to secure a joint conference have failed. The miners have absolutely ignored our requests for a meeting. For the reasons specified in a circular letter sent to the operators under this date, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, you are respectfully notified that a meeting of work will take place on and after June 7, 1902, at mines under the jurisdiction and control of the United Miners of West Virginia. The scale adopted by the United Miners of West Virginia has been complied with by the operators have met us in joint conference.

By order of Huntington convention. (Signed) J. A. Richards, President. Clark Johnson, Secretary, United Miners Workers of America.

MONT PELÉE BELCHES MUD.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Fort de France, Island of Martinique, Saturday, May 24.—Mount Pelée was comparatively quiet yesterday (Friday). Today the volcano belched forth a torrent of lava and mud, which rushed down the northern slope of the mountain and swept away what was left of the town of Basse Pointe. New fissures have opened in the side of the mountain.

Ledger Coal Article.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, May 25.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: The anthracite coal movement during the past week has been comparatively small. As mining has ceased, the companies are hoarding their stocks and keeping most of the coal for their own uses. Retail prices have been advanced, and there have been general modifications to larger consumers that supplies will have to be cut off. Stocks are low and anxiety is felt as to the future. There is larger order of bituminous to replace the anthracite, especially for steam uses, and the soft coals consequently have come into much greater demand. The lake ports report short stocks of anthracite, excepting at Schuylkill, where they claim to have an ample supply for a month or two, there having been a good deal sent there since navigation opened. The stoppage of coal mining is the most complete ever known in the anthracite fields.

ENGINEERS REFUSE TO JOIN STRIKE

Decision Reached During a Mass Meeting Held at Shamokin Last Night.

SECRETARY HARTLEIN'S SPEECH IN VAIN

A Quiet Sabbath About the Strike Headquarters at Wilkes-Barre. President Mitchell's Circular Warning Polish Lithuanian Miners to Keep Away from Soft Coal Mines Where Strikes Are in Progress, Is Read in the Churches. Clergymen Opposed to Strike.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., May 25.—By a vote of 43 to 15, the colliery engineers and pumpmen, at a mass meeting here this morning, resolved not to go on strike, June 2, even if the operators refused to grant an eight-hour workday at the present wage scale. Secretary George Hartlein, of the Ninth district executive board of the United Mine Workers, addressed the meeting and urged his hearers to join in the general strike if the coal operators refused to grant the eight-hour workday.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 25.—This was the quietest Sabbath in the Wyoming region since the miners' strike began. Two weeks ago today there was more or less excitement everywhere because the strike order was to go into effect the following day, and last Sunday there was much talk over the coming of President Mitchell to Wilkes-Barre to make his headquarters. But today found the offices of the coal companies entirely deserted, the clerks having completed their pay-rolls early in the week, and at strike headquarters no one was on duty but Miss Morris, President Mitchell's private secretary.

The circular which President Mitchell sent out yesterday, warning the Polish, Slavish and Lithuanian miners to remain away from the bituminous region of Virginia and West Virginia, where strikes are now in progress, was read in many of the churches where the foreign miners attend services. Some of the clergy made remarks urging the strikers who belong to their congregations to be law-abiding and be satisfied with their leaders, so long as the leaders were faithful to the trust reposed in them.

Clergymen Opposed to Strike.

Some of the Polish and Lithuanian clergymen are said to be opposed to the strike, or were opposed to it before it was declared, on the ground that the people entrusted to their spiritual care were not prepared to stand a long siege of idleness. Secretary Mullahy, of the Stationary Firemen's union, reports today that the poll of the firemen employed at the various collieries has just been completed, and that 80 per cent. of the men will quit work on June 2, unless an eight-hour day is granted them. Another officer of the union admits that the percentage of engineers who will quit work will not be as large, but every fireman will quit work unless the percentage of the pumpmen will come out is not as yet known. If the local operators are to be believed, it will be small, and that there will be no trouble in filling all vacancies that may occur.

The strikers here are inclined to look with favor upon the action of the United Mine Workers' conference at Huntington, W. Va., in ordering a strike of the miners in Virginia and West Virginia. They think it will hasten the crisis in the anthracite region.

Meetings of the miners to discuss the advisability of refusing to handle non-union and bituminous coal during the progress of the miners' strike were held in Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Ashley this afternoon. All three meetings were secret. The Wilkes-Barre meeting was more largely attended than the one Friday evening. It was given out that the question was discussed in all its bearings, but no action taken. The meeting at Kingston agreed to take the matter up at another meeting to be held next week. The Ashley meeting endorsed the miners' strike and will render financial aid. The railroad brotherhoods with headquarters in this city will also give financial assistance, but it is said will not resort to a sympathy strike.

MINE OWNERS' PLAN TO DEFEAT STRIKERS

Ready to Fill Places of Engineers and Firemen—Order Calling Them Out Regarded as a Mistake.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 25.—The Times today prints the following special dispatch from Wilkes-Barre:

"I learned today from well-informed representatives of the mine-owning interests that plans are fully matured for making the order calling out the engineers, firemen and pumpmen, June 2, the first decisive defeat for the strike management. Nothing which may occur on that date or afterward will take the operators by surprise. Those affected by the order are being sounded, and, if their declarations are unsatisfactory, they are required to enroll themselves as members of the coal and iron police. Those who permit a doubt of their loyalty to remain will be discharged before June 2, and their places filled by men who can be depended upon. Substitutes will be held in readiness to take the places of those who

promise more than they have the courage to perform. So long as the technical staff of the miners remain loyal, no difficulty is expected in keeping the pumps going.

The engineers, mostly elderly men owing homes near the pits, are much displeased with the action of the union. They understand that if they go out they will not again be employed in any capacity, and their chance of getting other work is small. Many of them have declared their purpose of remaining at work, but with only the pumps to look after. No difficulty is expected in filling the places of those who leave or are discharged. The work of the firemen and pumpmen calls for no greater skill than can be supplied readily from outside the union. There are plenty of men in the employ of every company both able and willing to do it.

The programme is fully arranged. Every man to be substituted for one now at work knows his place and under-

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ARE COMING TODAY

ROCHAMBEAU STATUE IS UNVEILED

Addesses Upon the Friendship Between France and the United States Made at Washington.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., May 25.—Representatives of France and America uni-

Before the Night Has Well Set in Three Thousand Visitors Will Be With Us to Spend Three Days.

THEY WILL BE GIVEN A HEARTY WELCOME

Local Sir Knights Have Perfected Elaborate Preparations for Their Entertainment—Receptions, Concerts and Serenades Tonight. Grand Parade and Review Tomorrow Morning—Ball and Tournet Tomorrow Night—Sessions of the Grand Commandery on Tuesday Afternoon and Wednesday Morning and Afternoon—Novel Feature to Be Introduced in the Parade. Handsome Souvenirs.

For the fifth time in her history, Scranton will tomorrow be the scene of a session of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. Today the Templars will come in small and large bodies from all over the state, accompanied by their ladies and Masonic guests and many of them bringing along their own band.

Tomorrow will occur the annual parade and review and tomorrow night the grand ball at turnel. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning the Grand Commandery will be in session and on Wednesday afternoon the new officers will be publicly installed.

Added local interest attaches to this day forty-ninth anniversary of the fact that the Pennsylvania commandery is the largest in the world. It has seventy-six subordinate commanderies with a total membership of 14,000, and one of these subordinate commanderies, Pittsburg commandery No. 1, is the largest subordinate commandery in the world, having a membership of over 1,000.

Those Who Attend. The Grand Commandery convocations are made up of the past eminent commanders, eminent commanders, generalissimo and captains-general of the subordinate commanderies. In the Pennsylvania commandery there are 1,487 Knights entitled to a seat. Usually about one third of this number attends.

Between the members of the grand commandery, and the visiting commanderies, which will come with large numbers to participate in the parade, there will be about 2,000 Knights attending the convocation. It is expected that there will be at least 700 ladies accompanying the Sir Knights, and about 400 bandmen will further swell the list of visitors.

The Knights Templar are the most representative men in Masonry. Each commandery numbers among its members many of the most prominent men of its community. This is a boon to any city to have them as guests. From appearances yesterday night, Scranton is not as appreciative of this boon as it was when the convocation was held here six years ago. The decorations are, as yet, not quite as elaborate as they were before. The rain, of course, has handicapped the work of the decorators and this possibly may account for the absence of decorations in many instances. This morning, it is hoped, will see a renewal of the decorative work that began so auspiciously at the beginning of the week. No building in the central part of the city, at least, should be without a sign of welcome to our guests.

Every arrangement undertaken by the local committee has been perfected and practically all the Cheur de Lion and Melita Sir Knights are free today to receive and welcome the visitors. E. Sir Reuben A. Zimmerman, chairman of the reception committee, has called his committee together for 11 o'clock this morning at Masonic temple, Spruce street, to enter upon their duty of meeting, greeting and escorting the visitors. All local Sir Knights are invited to assist the committee.

The Headquarters.

The executive committee will be at the headquarters, 219 Wyoming avenue, the Westminster hotel building, to receive the visitors and furnish them with cards for and information about the various entertainments. The programme of grand commandery events and entertainment arrangements is given below in condensed form, and chronological order.

MONDAY, MAY 25.

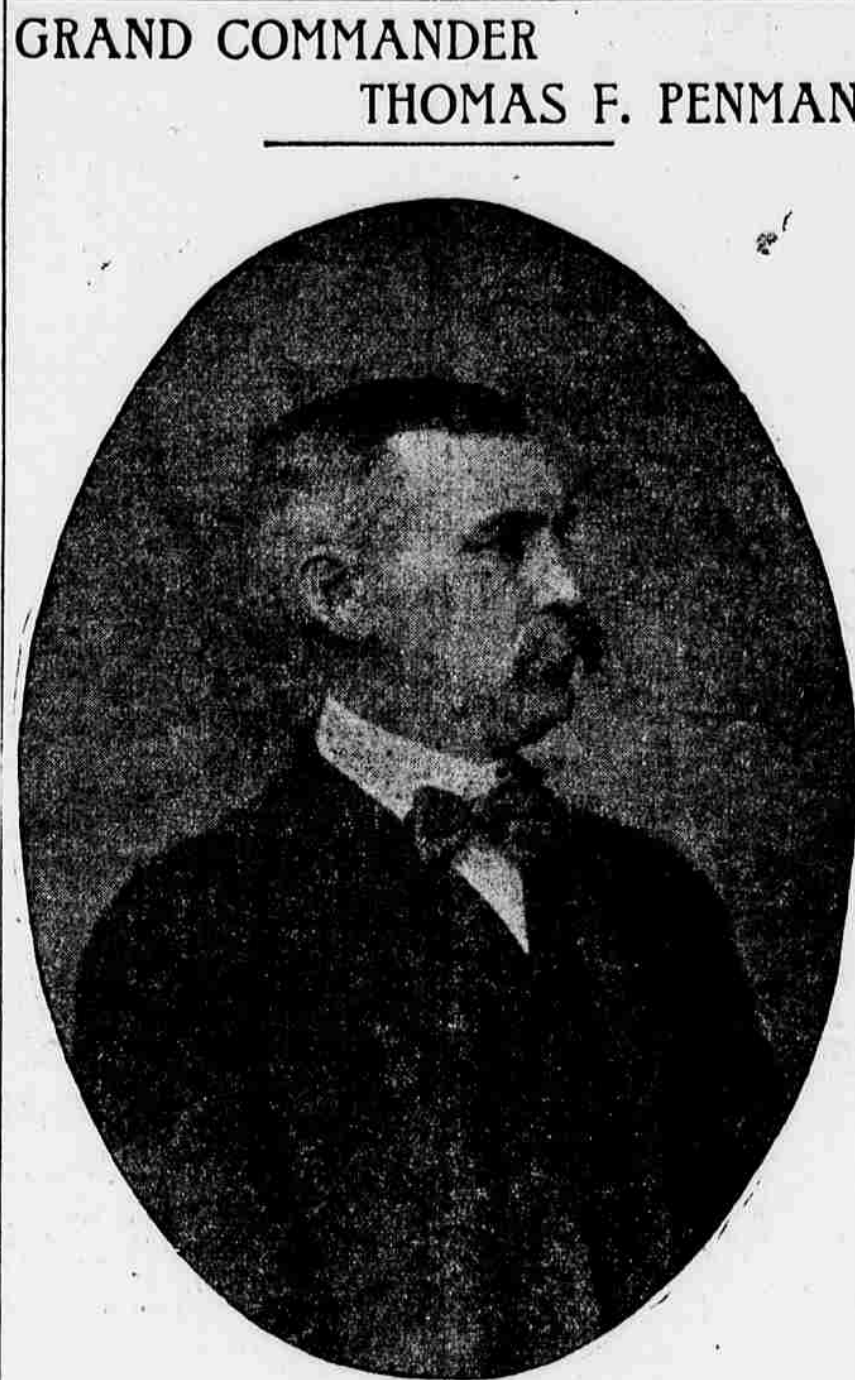
Arrival and Reception of Commanderies. Reception to Sir Knights and their ladies by E. Sir Reuben A. Zimmerman, chairman of the reception committee, at 11 o'clock in the parlors of the Hotel Jermyn, from 12 to 11 p. m.

Reception to Sir Knights and their ladies by Mary commandery No. 28, at St.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 25.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern: Pennsylvania, fair, warmer; Monday: Tuesday: fair; fresh south to west winds.



MASONIC RECORD OF RIGHT EMINENT SIR THOMAS F. PENMAN

P. M. "Peter Williamson" lodge, No. 23, P. and M. "Lackawanna Chapter," No. 15, H. P. "Scranton, Pa." P. C. "Melita" Commandery, No. 68, K. T. "Scranton, Pa." G. J. W. of the "Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania," 1896. Grand Commander of the "Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania," 1901 and '02. "Keystone Lodge of Perfection," fourth degree to thirty-second degree, July 10, 1898.

stands his duties, and will step to the front when needed. The superintendent has attended to this.

It is expected that the strikers will make some trouble and possibly become riotous in places. This has also been provided for. The coal and iron police are well organized and the civil authorities will not be permitted to neglect their duties. The threat to flood the mines was from the first considered a bluff on the part of the strike management. It is now recognized as futile. The operators regard it as a tactical mistake on the part of President Mitchell.

No importance is attached here to the proposal of the better class of the miners originating in New York.

Another Meeting in New York.

New York, May 25.—With reference to recent rumors that there is still hope of settling the differences between the coal miners and operators, the Tribune will say tomorrow: "Another attempt, it was learned last (Sunday) evening, will be made by the Civic Federation to effect a settlement of the anthracite miners' strike, and a meeting will be called in this city within ten days, unless the strike is settled by that time."

Under the by-laws of the Civic Federation, its arbitration committee cannot act unless both sides to the dispute asks for its services. In this case, while the miners are willing to accept the services of the arbitration committee, the operators have refused to accept it.

Optimism Merchants Opposed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pekin, May 25.—The failure of the efforts of a German firm to secure exclusive rights of selling opium throughout the Chinese empire, for which privilege the firm in question offered to pay the Chinese government \$15,000,000 a year, appears to be assured on account of the opposition to the proposal of the better class of the ministers and the police officials.

General McCormick Very Ill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Williamport, Pa., May 25.—At 2 o'clock this morning the physicians in attendance at the bedside of former Attorney General McCormick report that his condition is no better than it has been for the past twelve hours; if anything the patient is slightly worse.