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THE COAL STRIKE IS NOT SETTLED

Yesterday's Rumors Upon the Subject Appear to Have Had No Foundation of Fact.

NOTHING DEFINITE WAS ACCOMPLISHED

The Presidents of the Coal Roads and Representatives of the Individual Operators in Consultation at the Office of Senator Platt—President Mitchell Has an Interview with Officials of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway Company—The Anthracite Strike Not Talked About—None of the Participants of the Conference Have Anything to Offer That Will Throw Any Light on the Situation—No Developments in the Valley.

New York, Oct. 9.—Replete at its opening with promise of a solution of the long-drawn-out struggle between the United Mine Workers of America and the operators of the anthracite properties in Pennsylvania, this day has closed without apparent appreciable progress toward an agreement upon the issues in controversy. Most noteworthy of the day's events was a conference at the office of Senator Thomas C. Platt, at which there were present, among others, the two senators from Pennsylvania and the governor of New York, and nearly all the heads of the big corporations controlling the anthracite fields. In the afternoon, this conference had a contrary effect to that which had been hoped from it, and the operators departed declaring adherence to the policy they have followed from the first of resisting the demands of the miners' union to the bitter end.

After what may be described as an inside and authoritative source, it may be announced that the conference at the office of Senator Platt was absolutely without result, the operators refusing to consider the political aspect of the situation, and maintaining their position that the question was one between employer and employee as to the management of the properties concerned.

According to the authority above indicated, Senator Quay and Governor Odell expressed the opinion that should the strike continue for another fortnight or longer, the effect would be to impress the public mind with the one subject of shortage of fuel, that political duties would be neglected and the voters remain away from the polls on election day, with the natural result that the majority party in Pennsylvania and New York would be the greater sufferer.

Senator Penrose expressed his concurrence in the representations of the operators, and Senator Platt and Mr. Lauterbach spoke in a similar strain. These latter advised something in the nature of an armistice, under an implied promise to the miners that their union would be recognized by the operators.

Operators Still Firm. On their part the operators declared that the question at issue was entirely apart from party politics, and they refused to be influenced by representations as to the effect of the struggle might have upon the fortunes of one party or the other.

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The story of the really centers about the meeting at the afternoon at Senator Platt's office. Present at the meeting were Governor Odell, Senators Quay and Penrose of Pennsylvania; Senator Platt, President Olyphant, of the Delaware and Hudson; President Fowler, of the Ontario and Western; President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna; Chairman Thomas, of the Erie; Markle, representing the independent operators; David Wilcox, vice president and general counsel of the Delaware and Hudson; David Lamar and Edward Lauterbach. At the conclusion of the meeting none present would say what had taken place, or whether any solution to the strike's trouble had been reached.

The conference followed one held in the forenoon in Senator Platt's office at which were present Senators Quay and Penrose, Governor Odell, Edward Lauterbach and Senator Platt. The conference was a check and countercheck of the views of the operators and the mine owners. The conference was held in the forenoon at the Lawyers' club with Senators Quay and Penrose.

Following luncheon the three, with Senator Penrose's secretary, returned to Senator Platt's office. They were joined by members of the coal mine and the street entrances, threading their way through a mass of boxes and bales of merchandise. At 3 o'clock they were joined by the operators of the coal mines, and the most important conference of the day was held. Mr. Lauterbach was checked and returned to the office and made a trip to J. P. Morgan's office. He did not see Mr. Morgan.

Appearances Hopeful. He then went back to the conference room. Mr. Lauterbach replied to questions by saying that appearances looked very hopeful for a speedy settlement of the strike. He said he had seen President John Mitchell Wednesday night and that he seemed disposed to act with a spirit of fairness. The conference ended about 4:30 o'clock. President Fowler was the first to leave, the other operators following him. The coal road presidents referred all inquiries to the senators and Governor Odell.

Conference at Ashland House. Late in the afternoon President Mitchell and the district presidents had another conference at the Ashland house. Mr. Nichols said that his associates had not considered any formal or informal proposition from the operators. He said that the strike might possibly be settled by Monday, but intimated that it was improbable.

MAIN STRENGTH CONVENTION

Some Astounding Testimony at the Hearing on the Lackawanna Objections.

FAKE CONTESTS WERE VERY NUMEROUS

Men Who Had No Opposition at the Primaries Found Themselves Contested in the Convention Without Having Been Previously Notified. Other Legally Elected Delegates Were Not Even Able to Get in the Convention Hall—Hearing Will Probably Last Until Late Saturday.

Harrisburg, Oct. 9.—Twenty-three of the four hundred witnesses in the Democratic nomination contest from Lackawanna were heard today in a session lasting from 9:30 a. m. until 9:30 p. m., with two hours of recess for meals. No agreement could be reached by the attorneys which would reduce the list of witnesses and as far as is now known they will all have to remain over tomorrow and some of them over Saturday.

During the afternoon an attempt was made to smash the Flynn objections on a technicality, and for a time there was a painful suspense among the Flynnites. The Flynn attorneys proved to the satisfaction of the court that their opponents' contention was not well grounded and the court dismissed it.

At the evening session, when the story of the "fake" contests was being unfolded by the Flynn witnesses, Judges Simonton and Weiss, hardened as they are by experience to the hearing of desperate political methods, listened with every attention to the charges of the cross-examination of Mr. Hoban by Attorney Bergner. The witness admitted that no public notice was given that he would appear at the convention, and that the usual custom was to enroll them at the St. Charles hotel. He, however, gave personal notice to nearly all the delegates that the enrollment would take place at his office.

Mr. Bergner at this juncture entered upon a minute comparison of the enrollment list made up by Chairman Hoban and that which the Faheyites used at the convention. Judge Weiss, with some show of impatience, asked why the attorneys had not done every effort to correct Mr. Bergner's reply that he had asked for the loan of the Hoban list last night, for this very purpose, but the other side would not trust him with it.

THE GRAND ARMY

DOWN TO BUSINESS

GENERAL STEWART NOW COMMANDER

The Honor Falls Upon the Distinguished Pennsylvanian, Who Was a Leading Candidate a Year Ago. The Committee Severely Scores the Medical Department—Operations of the Women's Relief Corps.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

Cattle Train Wrecked on the Lehigh Valley Cut Off—Many Animals Killed.

Pittston, Oct. 9.—Dynamite was placed on the Lehigh Valley cut-off tracks, about a mile and a half south of Jenkins Junction, last night, and the result was an explosion that had disastrous, but not fatal results. Seven cattle cars, loaded with live stock, were demolished, the engine damaged, about one hundred cattle killed or maimed, and over one hundred escaped to the woods. Fireman William Shiner, of Pittston, was thrown over an embankment with the tender of the engine, but was unhurt. Charles Mahler, of West Pittston, a brakeman, was thrown from the train and slightly injured. This is the second dynamite outrage that has taken place on the Lehigh Valley tracks in this vicinity within a week.

Another crowd of deputies were in the hall way, just inside the door, holding up any one without a "blue ticket," who happened to succeed in slipping past the deputies at the door. Fighting his way past this second guard, Reilly got inside and found the stage occupied by Fahey and the other manipulators of the inside work of the machine. Secretary Mahon read a paper appointing Fahey chairman. Fahey walked to the front of the stage and declared himself chairman, and called

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Oct. 9.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and cool Friday; fresh northeast winds; Saturday—partly cloudy.