

OPERATORS REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE UNION

Heated Interview in the Office of Senator Platt on Meeting of Governor Odell and Mr. Baer.

ALL PARTIES IN RATHER BAD HUMOR

Mr. Baer Announces That the Operators Will Not Allow Political Interference with This Affair—Governor Odell Resents the Insinuations Made and Sharp Words Follow—The Proposition of Governor Odell That the Operators Grant the Miners an Increase of 5 Cents a Ton and Recognize the Miners' Union Is Rejected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 10.—After two days of conference between the anthracite coal mine operators on one side and the governor and senior senator of New York and the two senators from Pennsylvania on the other, the strike of the United Mine Workers of America is apparently as far from a settlement as the day it was declared.

Governor Odell laid before the operators today the proposition that if they would concede to the miners an advance of five cents a ton in the price paid for mining coal he would promise that the miners would resume work. Being told further that the concession would carry with it recognition of the miners' union the operators promptly refused to entertain the proposition and took their leave. Later in the day they and the Pennsylvania senators left the city, the latter going to Harrisburg.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, announced his intention of leaving the city early tomorrow, his destination being Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Mitchell took no part in any of the conferences yesterday and today, he being in New York, it is understood, in order that he might be within reach should the negotiations reach a stage where his decision for the miners would be required.

Governor Odell feels that he has done all that it is possible for him to do, under existing laws, toward bringing about a termination of the strike. He would not say tonight whether it was his intention to call the state legislature in extraordinary session to consider the enactment of a law under which the contention between the coal operators and the miners might be brought to an end. That, the governor said, was something he would not discuss at this time.

WARM INTERVIEW IN MR. PLATT'S OFFICE

New York, Oct. 10.—What do you mean by politicians? I want you and all the other operators to understand that I am the governor of New York, the chosen representative of seven million people, and that I am here in this matter solely in that capacity and to relieve, if possible, an intolerable situation. And what is more, I intend to use every power at my command to do it.

Governor Odell made this statement today to President Baer, of the Reading road, in the presence of United States Senators Platt, of New York, and Quay and Penrose, of Pennsylvania. It was the culmination of a rather heated interview in the office of Senator Platt, and the result of the first meeting between Governor Odell and President Baer.

PATTISON AS A "JONAH."

History Proves Him to Have Been the Advance Agent of Commercial Depression.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. West Chester, Pa., Oct. 10.—Samuel W. Pennypacker, Republican gubernatorial candidate, addressed the residents of his native county tonight, and met with a cordial reception. Before the meeting was called to order the candidate shook hands with hundreds of his admirers. During his speech at the Auditorium, Mr. Pennypacker reiterated his assertion that as William McKinley was the advance agent of the depression, so in a similar manner, Pennypacker justly be called the advance agent of commercial depression.

PRESIDENT POWERLESS

The Administration Can Take No Further Steps to Settle the Strike.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 10.—Close advisers of the president, who have conferred with him over the coal situation, said tonight that in their opinion there was no further action the administration could take on its own initiative to bring the strike to an end. They say the administration is ready to do whatever is possible, but that it has taken all the action that is practicable. They say the idea of a resort to the anti-trust law and say that no such step is contemplated, as action cannot be had under that measure against the interests involved in the strike.

In official circles here, it is suggested that the postponement of the conferences that have been in progress in New York today may mean that Mr. Mitchell and the district labor presidents who were with him are going back to Pennsylvania to sound the miners on some proposition made during today's meetings. This, it is pointed out, is a natural inference, though made without an inside knowledge of today's proceedings.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which is in annual session here, is giving some time to a discussion of the coal situation, though most of the sessions are devoted to regular federation matters. It was expected that the members of the council would adopt an address appealing to the public for assistance for the striking miners, but no action was taken. President Gompers announced tonight that the council may issue its appeal tomorrow. He is in occasional communication with Mr. Mitchell, but declines to discuss the situation.

For a long time this afternoon and again tonight, the president discussed the coal strike situation with members of his cabinet. After office hours this evening, Secretary Root, Attorney General Knox and Postmaster General Payne came over to the white house and remained with the president until nearly 6 o'clock. Tonight Secretary Root and Mr. Payne were with him for some time. Further than to admit that the coal strike was the subject which brought them together, the members of the cabinet will not talk, except to say that nothing has been done. Hon. Carroll D. Wright, the commissioner of labor, also was at the white house this afternoon. His object was to bring with him a copy of the arbitration law of 1898, which Mr. Mitchell has proposed to be ineffective as applicable to existing conditions.

Secretary Root left Washington tonight for New York, after the conference with the president. He announced that his object in going was to register with him the rules of the convention so as to be able to vote at the coming election, but he is fully acquainted with every step that has been taken by the administration in the coal strike and knows many of the most influential financiers in New York.

THE SOLDIER OBEYED ORDERS.

Shenandoah Officials Not Allowed to Arrest a Member of the Eighteenth Regiment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shenandoah, Pa., Oct. 10.—A warrant was sworn out today for the arrest of Private Wadsworth for the killing of William Durham yesterday but Colonel Hillman of the Eighteenth regiment refused to allow the constable to serve it. Deputy Coroner Lee was also refused permission to serve subpoenas on the soldiers who were wanted to testify at the inquest. The coroner has referred the matter to the district attorney.

Colonel Hillman said Wadsworth was justified in shooting when Durham refused to get out of the way. He said that he acted under orders from state headquarters. Colonel Hillman late today reversed his witness stand by the coroner to testify in the Durham inquest. He notified the coroner this afternoon that the witnesses would not be taken home in a regimental ambulance this afternoon owing to any angry mob hovering near the mine.

BATTLING WITH SHAMOKIN MOB.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 10.—Details of the tenth regiment were placed at various points about town this evening to save non-uniforms from being held up by strikers. Non-uniforms from the Henry Clay shaft were taken home in a regimental ambulance this afternoon owing to any angry mob hovering near the mine. The local constables will be guarded by troops all night to prevent strikers from attacking the non-uniforms and to guard against incendiarism.

MUST CLOSE CASE TODAY

Decision of Dauphin County Judges Concerning the Lackawanna Controversy.

FAHEY WITNESSES CAUSED AMUSEMENT

Their Stories Were So Much Aliked That Judge Weiss When Called from the Bench Told the Lawyers to Go Ahead Without Him That He Knew What the Witnesses Would Testify to—Upwards of 100 Witnesses Were Examined and of That Number Eighty-seven Were Delegates.

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HADDONFIELD MURDER CASE.

Paul Woodward Confesses Complicity in the Crime.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Camden, N. J., Oct. 10.—The police authorities stated today that Paul Woodward, the youth who is charged with the murder of two men, Fred Jennings and John Coffin, has confessed to complicity in the crime. The two boys were found dead last week in the woods near Haddonfield, N. J., about six miles from here. Mrs. Woodward, William and Charles May, boarders at her house, were arrested today and are being held as witnesses.

Woodward denies participation in the murder of the boys, according to the police, but admits having been a party to a conspiracy to rob Jennings, mentioned in the confession, and other residents of New York, who had conspired with him to rob Jennings of \$800, which the boy was to have stolen from his father. Woodward says he left both boys with these men near the scene of the alleged murder and returned to his home.

The police scout Woodward's story and claim to have sufficient evidence to convict him of the murder.

ATLANTIC CITY THE ONLY COMPETITOR

After Casting a Few Votes for Saratoga, the New York Delegation Decides to Support the City of the Golden Gate—The List of National Officers Is Completed—The Committee on Legislation Presents Its Report and Finds That the President Is in Hearty Sympathy with the Effort to Secure a Broader Recognition of the Claims of the Soldiers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 10.—The Grand Army of the Republic today decided, by a large vote, to hold its encampment in 1903 at San Francisco, Cal. Practically the only competitor was Atlantic City, but a few votes were cast for Saratoga. The chances of the last mentioned place were destroyed by the decision of the New York delegation to support San Francisco, and when the solid vote of that delegation was cast today for the Pacific coast city, it was recognized that Atlantic City's prospects also were very slim. General Shafter made the speech nominating San Francisco, while in the afternoon Commander Hann, of New Jersey, named Atlantic City. The vote was: San Francisco, 573; Atlantic City, 178. The selection of San Francisco was then made unanimous.

Before the meeting of the committee of national officers was completed, A. W. Ajchison, of Texas, was chosen surgeon-general, and Rev. D. B. Shuey, of Kansas, chaplain-in-chief. During the day the committee on legislation presented its report. The report was devoted especially to the committee's efforts to secure a modification of the civil service laws in the interest of veterans, which it was stated congress had failed to concede. The committee find that the president is in hearty sympathy with the effort to secure a broader recognition of the claims of the soldiers, and "in marked contrast to the attitude of congress."

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING

Notwithstanding Labor Troubles R. G. Dun & Co. Continue to Take a Rosy View.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, Commerce, and Finance, says: Favorable symptoms still predominate and the business outlook encouraging, despite the adverse factors of labor controversies, fuel shortage and light money. These drawbacks have not so seriously checked industrial progress that the strong position attained during recent months of uninterrupted activity and growing confidence. Manufacturing plant and construction are fully resumed and grain shipments attain exceptional dimensions. The railroads will find great difficulty in meeting all requirements, despite vigorous efforts to expedite their business. It is certain that all records of pig iron production would be far surpassed if 1902 could be obtained, even at the exceptionally high prices now prevailing. Heavy reports of active business measure the available supply of coke rather than the demand for pig iron. Imports on a liberal scale, although new rolling mills are being erected, are reported. Steel billets, are reported. Railway equipment is about the most active feature of the market, car shops seeking material, while orders are placed for far distant delivery because early shipments are impossible. High premiums are offered for locomotives, but the works have not been able to meet the demand. Last week's reduction in prices of sheets and wire have not been followed by any weakness in other branches of the trade, while an improved demand is reported in the dress making concessions.

Cotton mills in New England are preparing to shut down on account of fuel shortage and the market for goods is dull. Jobbing sales are fully up to the average for the season, and collections are satisfactory, but uncertainty as to the future tends to restrict undertakings. Fallings for the week numbered 25 in the United States against 21 last year, and 21 in Canada against 34 last year.

FIRE AT HOMESTEAD.

Five Persons Seriously Injured by Explosions of Natural Gas.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 10.—Fire today at Homestead, Pa., caused by an explosion of natural gas, badly damaged the Seventh Avenue hotel, postoffice and other buildings of the Homestead Improvement company and seriously injured five persons. Their names: Mrs. Sophia Butler, John Kitch, John Kiste, Joseph McCune, W. S. Bullock. The injuries of the first three are serious.

PAYNE'S & CO.'S BOND APPROVED.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 10.—Governor Stone, authorized by the state capital building commission, has approved the bond of Payne & Co., of Philadelphia, the contractor for the erection of the new capitol. The bond is in the sum of \$1,525,225, and the surety in the American Bonding company, of Baltimore, Md. Governor Stone's survey company approved as a surety. Contractor Payne was here today arranging to begin work on the construction of the capitol.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for October 10, 1902: Highest temperature... 81 degrees. Lowest temperature... 61 degrees. Relative humidity... 87 per cent. S. W. wind... 2.5 miles per hour. Precipitation, 24 hours ended... 2.25 inches.

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