

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28, 1902.

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FIRST MEETING OF STRIKE CONFERENCE

Full Representation of Both Operators and Miners at Washington Yesterday.

COMMISSION TO MEET NEXT IN SCRANTON

Mr. Baer Objects to the Presence of Mr. Mitchell as Representative of the Anthracite Miners—The Recognition of the United Mine Workers, However, Bids Fair to Be One of the Knotty Problems Before the Commission—Mr. Truesdale's Plans—Examination of the Conditions of Miners Will Begin in the City of Scranton Thursday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 27.—The anthracite coal strike commission today in the hearing room of the inter-state commerce commission held its first conference with the parties to the controversy in the anthracite regions. There was a full representation of both operators and miners and members of the press, and a number of other interested parties were present. The commission occupied the elevated seats generally filled by members of the inter-state commission, Judge Gray, as president, occupying the center seat, and Messrs. Wright, Watkins and Clarke the seats to the right of him in the order named, while General Wilson, Bishop Spalding and Mr. Parker sat on the left in order of their names. The proceedings covered about two hours time and were given up entirely to a discussion of the time and method of proceeding with the proposed investigation.

The commission decided to begin its work next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, the first days of the investigation to be devoted to an examination of the mines and the homes of the miners, starting in the vicinity of Scranton. The entire anthracite field will be covered. There was considerable discussion over a proposition made by the commission to have the expert accountants appointed to audit statements of wages and classification of miners to be made by the operators for the use of the commission. In this respect, it was reached on this point beyond the announcement by the chairman of the commission's intention to appoint such an accountant in case his services should be found necessary.

During the progress of the meeting, Mr. Mitchell, the representative of the miners, presented a copy of the original declaration of the miners as formulated by the Shamokin convention, as the basis of the demands of the miners. This demand is first for an increase of 20 per cent. in wages for those not engaged in the strike, and a reduction of 20 per cent. in working hours of those engaged by the day, third the payment for coal mined by weight at a minimum rate of 60 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds, fourth a wage agreement between the operators and the miners for an adjustment of wages.

Mr. Baer, on the part of the operators, took exception to Mr. Mitchell's appearance before the commission as a representative of the Mine Workers' union, but said that he had no objection to his presence as a representative of the strikers as such in the individual capacity. The commission made no attempt to settle the controversy, but it was made apparent that the recognition of the Miners' union will be an important and knotty problem for the arbitrators.

Representatives Present. Mr. Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers and District President Fahy appeared for the miners and the coal carrying roads were represented as follows:

President Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading; E. B. Thomas, chairman of the board of the Pennsylvania Coal company and Hillside Coal and Iron company; Alfred Walker, president of the Lehigh Valley; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; David Wilcox, vice president of the Delaware and Hudson; John B. Kerr, vice president of the Scranton Coal company and Elkhill Coal and Iron company; J. H. Torrey, attorney for the Delaware and Hudson, and Francis I. Gowan, attorney for the Lehigh Valley company.

Before opening the proceedings the members of the commission and the representatives of the contesting parties were photographed. Judge Gray, the president of the commission, then read the order of the president creating the commission and in a general way outlined the procedure to be followed in the presentation of the issues. He stated that in accordance with the immemorial practice among English-speaking peoples the commission would first receive the statements or demands of the miners who were to be regarded for the purposes of this case, as the prosecutors. The reply of the other side would then be heard, Judge Gray said, in order that the commission might have before it a definite issue. At the conclusion of Judge Gray's remarks, Mr. Mitchell stated that he had with him the formal demands made by the miners upon the operators, and at the suggestion of Judge Gray, he read the statement of the miners' demands adopted by the Shamokin convention, the rejection of which resulted in the strike.

Walter Edward Weyl was also present as a representative of the miners. The hearing room was crowded with the people interested in the case and with spectators.

MINING MOVES MERRILY ON

More Coal Taken Out Yesterday Than on Any Other Day Since the Region Resumed.

INDIVIDUAL OPERATORS HAVE SOME TROUBLE

The Lackawanna, the Delaware and Hudson, and the Lehigh Valley; Erie, and Ontario and Western All Have Large Outputs—Heavy Trains of Coal Moving Toward the Seaboard Points—The Militia Idle and Time Hangs Heavy Upon the Hands of the Soldiers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 27.—More coal was mined and more men were employed in mining it today than any day since the mines in the anthracite region resumed work. The only districts that lag behind in the output are Lehigh and Mahanoy. The individual operators and their employes in those districts are still at loggerheads. In the Wyoming and Lackawanna regions all the collieries are in operation with the exception of a few, which are still under water. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Delaware and Hudson, the Lehigh Valley, the Temple Coal and Iron company, the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre, the Erie and Ontario and Western all had large outputs today, and heavy trains of coal were moving rapidly to seaboard points. The miners and laborers who left the region during the strike are returning in large numbers. Passenger traffic on the Pennsylvania railroad, between Pittsburg and the hard coal region points, is especially heavy. In one day, nearly 100,000 passengers, nearly all trains eastward-bound are compelled to carry extra coaches.

The eighth and ninth regiments of the state militia, which are stationed in the Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys, have managed to do these days and time is beginning to hang heavy on the hands of the soldiers. Neither regiment went out on any marches today, as there was no call for troops from any of the mines. Some petty cases of quarreling between union and non-union men continue to be reported, but nothing serious. At the Exeter mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal company today, eight men were discharged because they would not do the work of a driver boy who was refused his place when he applied for it.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS HOLD MASS MEETING

Grand Pow-Wow at Madison Square Garden—Noted Speakers. Special to the Scranton Tribune. New York, Oct. 27.—At a Democratic mass meeting tonight in Madison Square Garden, former Vice President Stevenson, ex-Senator Hill, of New York; Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas; Congressman Griggs, of Georgia; and S. C. Coler, Democratic candidate for governor; W. R. Hearst, president of the National Association of Democratic clubs, and Congressman Sulzer, of New York, were among the speakers. Senator Jones was the presiding officer.

Mr. Hearst, who devoted himself to the most important question, which he said, was the "great issue" of the day, declared that "the Republican party is a political institution in order so many obligations to the trusts that it will never legislate against them, or even enforce against them the laws which already exist."

WILL TAKE VOTE OF SOLDIERS.

Commissioner Appointed by Governor Stone—The Ballots. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Oct. 27.—Commissioners were appointed by Governor Stone today to take the vote of the following military organizations on duty in the anthracite coal regions, although it is expected that all or nearly all of the troops in the field will be sent home before election day.

The 1st regiment, Robert Brannan, Philadelphia; Third regiment, Joseph P. Rogers, Philadelphia; Sixteenth regiment, Colonel W. J. Higgins, Mount Carmel; Tenth regiment, Colonel H. A. Corson, Scranton; First city troop, Charles E. Bartlett, Philadelphia; Second city troop, Albert B. Kelley, Philadelphia; City troop, Captain F. M. Ott, Wilkes-Barre; Sheridan troop, Captain C. S. W. Jones, Shenandoah. If any of the organizations are to remain on duty until after election day, the ballots will be taken.

The ballots will be taken in blank spaces under the names of the candidates of officers to be filled so that each voter will have to write in the blanks the names of the candidates for whom he desires to vote. Copies of the ballots and lists of candidates must be furnished by the companies in which the companies are recruited.

Mule Drivers Discharged.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mt. Carmel, Pa., Oct. 27.—Because the mule team drivers at the Lehigh Springs Millinery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company today refused to put the harness on the mules they were all discharged. This work has always been done by the mule team drivers, but he was dismissed for participating in the strike and the boss who attempted to temporarily fill his place failed to do the work.

Member of Board of Pension Appeals

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 27.—Secretary Hitchcock has appointed as an additional member of the board of pension appeals, Frederick W. Thompson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Pension Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 27.—Thomas F. Martin, of Pittston, has been granted a pension of \$8.

JUDGE PENNYPACKER AT BETHLEHEM.

Campaigning Party Is Welcomed by Several Thousand People.

Strike of the Snappers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bethlehem, Oct. 27.—Several thousand people turned out to welcome Judge Pennypacker and his campaigning party here tonight, on their only visit to the Eighth congressional district. The enthusiasm of the people was held in the Market house and was preceded by a street parade with brass bands and scores of citizens carrying Pennypacker banners.

Wu Ting-fang Recalled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 27.—Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister, has been recalled to his country by a special edict which was received by him today. He is ordered to return by the most direct route to Shanghai and will leave as soon as he can pack his effects, probably within two weeks. He will become a member of the joint commission to negotiate commercial treaties.

Deaths of a Day.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Oct. 27.—P. S. Blodgett, general manager of the Lake Shore railway, died today at his residence in this city after a long illness. Mr. Blodgett was 26 years of age. He was widely known in the railway world. Droyer was the direct cause of death.

BEAT THE WORLD'S RECORD.

Remarkable Track Performance at Memphis, Tenn.

STAYED WITH YOUNG CORBETT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 27.—The special match race for \$12,000 a side between the paces Prince Albert and Sir Albert S., one of the best of the race, resulted in an easy victory for the former at the Memphis Driving park this afternoon. The remarkable time of 57 1/2 seconds. The former time in a race, beating the former time by 2 1/2 seconds. The contest was not satisfactory in all its details. After several times the horses got away from the half pole in perfect alignment, Sanders immediately sent Sir Albert S. forward and he led Prince Albert by two lengths. At the quarter pole, Sanders increased his lead by three lengths and the times hung out 28 1/2 for the quarter. Making the turn for home, Sir Albert S. led in a commanding way, but he was overtaken by Prince Albert forged to the front and won by three lengths. Many horsemen expressed the opinion that had Sir Albert S. kept his feet, the result would have been different and the time reduced at least a quarter of a second.

Strike of the Snappers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Oct. 27.—The strike of the snappers at the Arnold works of the American Window Glass company was ended today. The men had repudiated the wage settlement made by their organization and demanded an increase which was refused. After an illness of about a week, the strikers returned to work at the rate of wages being paid in other factories. About 1,000 men were out on strike.

Will Remain Until Election.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, Oct. 27.—Colonel Bowman, in command of the First regiment, stationed here, tonight instructed the adjutants and company clerks to prepare lists of the officers and men together with the residential to be used if necessary, in taking the vote of the militia in the field on election day. This seems to indicate that the troops here will not be recalled until after election.

Scotch Miners Want Increase.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Glasgow, Oct. 27.—The Scotch miners have demanded an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. in wages, about 70,000 miners are affected.

SENATOR HOAR DEFINES TRUSTS

His Speech at a Ratification of the Republican Ticket of Massachusetts.

WORDS OF PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

The Evils of Combination Set Forth in Eight Items—Men Should Be Sent to Washington Who Will Uphold the President's Hands in His Battle for the Interests of the People—Trusts Should Be Curbed, but Not Destroyed.

THE IRISH AGITATORS AT PHILADELPHIA

A Hearty Welcome Extended Redmond, Blake, Dillon and Davitt. About \$8,000 Raised.

MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Mrs. Florence Rogers on the Witness Stand.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

Root Defeats Carter.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Highest temperature 60 degrees. Lowest temperature 50 degrees. Relative humidity 80 per cent. S. W. wind, 8 p. m. Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., .05 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Oct. 27. Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Rain and not so warm Tuesday; Wednesday fair, brisk southeast winds becoming cooler. New York for Southampton and Bremen; Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam.

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