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PERSONALS.
Miss Beatie Stephens, of Nicholson, has
been the guest of Scranton friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Atherton were
visitors at West Pittston yesterday.
Richard Hughes, of Patnam street,
spent yesterday with his parents in For-
est City.
Joseph D. Lewis, of the United States
census department, is at the Jermyn. He
will return to Washington today.
Mrs. H. Dietrich has returned to her
home in Kingston after spending a few
days with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis,
of West Market street.
Ice Cream.
Ice cream orders for Thanksgiving
day will have prompt attention if given
Wednesday, J. D. Williams & Bro.
GO TO THE DIXIE.
Today's Matinee. See Ten Ichi and
get free seats for next Monday.

**CONFERENCE
IS ON FOR
TOMORROW**
(Concluded from Page 1.)
likely see a conference of all the big
companies' presidents and attorneys in
New York.
The mine workers continue to give
out the impression that the overtures
for a settlement came from the opera-
tors, but the operators here deny it.
They declare that the miners discovered
they had no case. One of them said:
"If it was a case in court we should
simply ask for a non-suit. The miners
cannot submit a table of wages show-
ing the amounts received by the men,
and we can, and the figures will show
that the men are getting more than
Mr. Mitchell demands for them—\$600 a
year as a living wage."
"Few of the companies have an aver-
age of less than 10 percent."
"If that is the case, why are the oper-
ators willing to give an increase?" he
was asked.
"Because of the general prosperity of
the country. The railroads have given
their men ten per cent., and with such
a number of employees as the operators
have we cannot well refuse to give
them an increase too."
"Regarding the question of making
contracts with the workers and the
miners in which it would be done, he
said: "We will probably ascertain what
our men believe the condition of work
should be, reach an agreement with
them regarding it and post a notice at
the mines as to what it will be. There
will be no signing of contracts with
each individual worker or with the col-
liery employees as a body."
Another reason why they are anxious
to end the inquiry, it is said, was ad-
vanced by a local independent opera-
tor, who has made a close study of the
situation.
"Under the laws of Pennsylvania," he
said, "railroad corporations are not per-
mitted to engage in the business of
mining, and it has been decided, may
not hold the majority of the stock of
any mining company. Several of the
companies do own such majority con-
trol, and are not anxious to disclose
the fact under oath on the witness
stand. Neither are they eager to have
their officers or men, who were formerly
officers, but are not now in their em-
ploy, to testify as to the cost and profit
of mining coal, the transportation
charges or the rebates granted to the
shippers from their own mines."
"When the non-union miners asked
for the right to participate in the in-
vestigation the railroad lawyers sought
to have the list of their names kept
secret. This request was refused by the
commission, though Judge Gray prom-
ised that no improper use would be
made of the list. This ruling was a
precedent, and was understood to be
such. It meant that no testimony would
be taken in secret, and that the rail-
roads could not expect to present fig-
ures relating to their business in cam-
era. From that moment they wanted
the inquiry stopped."
Among the prominent witnesses who,
it is alleged, the railroad companies
are afraid of is Mr. Walter, president
of the Lehigh Valley, whose resignation
was accepted by the board of directors
this week.
Saturday's Proceedings.
As forecast in Saturday's Tribune, the
mine strike commission had a very
brief session this morning and ad-
journed till December 5, to give the
parties opportunity to settle their
differences amicably. The independent
operators protested against a settle-
ment "out of court," asserting there
had been an understanding between the
big companies and the miners to which
they had not been parties and that they
did not propose to be compelled to sub-
scribe to anything other parties might
agree to. Judge Gray assured the in-
dependent operators there had been no
agreement, and as far as the com-
missioners knew and there no agree-
ments would be ratified by the com-
mission until all the parties concerned were
parties to the agreement.
The commission adjourned and ap-
pointed Commissioners Clark, Parker
and Watkins to remain here as a sub-
committee to act with the parties as
conciliators. The sub-committee called
together the attorneys who were still
in the city Saturday afternoon, and
after a conference with them issued
the following statement:
Scranton, Pa., Nov. 23, 1902.
It appears that there is some misunder-
standing or some lack of understanding
in connection with the recess taken by
the commission on December 5, to give
the parties opportunity to settle their
differences amicably. It is possible that
the commission might be able to agree upon some of
the important points involved.
The recess was taken by counsel for
both sides because authoritative state-
ments of hours and wages which are be-
ing prepared are not as yet ready.
The suggestion was made that perhaps
some agreement might be reached be-
tween the principals which would simplify
the problem and assist in reaching proper
conclusions. The chairman, speaking for
the commission, stated that the com-
mission would gladly co-operate, as far as
could consistently be done, in furthering
an effort to reach an understanding
through conciliatory means and methods.
The idea has gone out in some quarters
that the matter is to be settled without
further effort or responsibility on the
part of the commission. The idea is en-
tirely wrong. The commission will, as au-
thorized, cheerfully encourage concilia-
tory spirit and action between the parties
to the controversy, but the commission
has not surrendered, and will not sur-
render, jurisdiction of any of the matters
which have been referred to it, nor re-
sponsibility for the conclusion reached.
No adjustment can be made which does
not, by its terms, commend itself strongly
enough to secure the approval of the
commission and its incorporation in the
award.
With a view and for the purpose of re-
moving any misunderstanding which
might exist, the sub-committee of the
commission invited such of the counsel
representing the several interests involv-
ed as could be reached to meet this after-
noon.
The committee and the counsel were in
session for two hours. Besides the com-
missioners, Attorneys Clarence S. Dar-
row, James L. Lenahan and Henry Lloyd
were present in the interests of the
miners; Tommy David Wilcox, for the
Delaware and Hudson company; Everett
Warren, for the Erie, Hillside and Lack-
awanna Coal companies; John B. Kerr,
for Ontario and West; H. H. Burns, for
the independent operators, and John T.
Lenahan and Joseph O'Brien for the non-
union miners.
Independents' Protest.
The proceedings of Saturday morn-



**New Students Admitted at
Any Time.**
ing's half hour session were wholly
devoted to the question of recess and
the independent operators' protest.
Apprehended is a verbatim report of
the discussion:
By Mr. Darrow: Gentlemen of the
commission—Since the adjournment we
have considered the suggestion of the
president made yesterday and we wish to
say that we are doing the best we can.
We have seen, under the circumstances,
no possibility of getting the exact fig-
ures here at once, and the wisest thing
for all of us to do is to adjourn the ses-
sion here, without adjourning the ses-
sion, because we will certainly need
your help if we bring about what is de-
sired—but adjourn the session, say to the
30th of December. We have the greatest
confidence that much will come out of
it. By Judge Gray: I have heard and I
am sure the commission have heard, with
satisfaction what you say with regard to
the suggestion you made yesterday at
the close of the morning session. Of
course, it is our duty to hear and deter-
mine the matters in controversy. The
suggestion made yesterday was most im-
portant of the idea of making an
agreement with regard to other matters
than the schedules of wages, and was
not with reference to anything else that
we consider the matter of an adjourn-
ment.
It seems to us that we have come to a
crisis as to the introduction of testimony
which we desire to hear. We are willing
that both sides should confer together
and produce before us, as far as they
can, facts that they agree to and also
agree upon a statement. That is the
situation now, and that is the reason
why we adjourn by you to adjourn to
the 30th of December. That will take us
over the Thanksgiving holidays at any
rate. So we think the commission will
adopt the suggestion to adjourn from
now until a time to be determined
later. We have no suggestion as to
what we will do at the adjournment.
By Mr. Burns: I am sure that
the commission will be glad to hear
of an arrangement between the parties
immediately interested. I am in-
formed that there are no individual oper-
ators present here.
By Judge Gray: Let me say again
for your misunderstanding. The commis-
sion has notified no parties and has spoken
only as you have heard them speak in
this court room. We are not here to
notify parties. We are only here and our
purpose is to bring about a settlement of
the matter at hand. We will have ample
opportunity, as far as we are concerned,
to say what we wish to say. We are not
interested in the judgment of the com-
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of some of the parties who may be
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Far Greater Consequence.
To the Honorable, the Anthracite Com-
mission.
If the commission please, we are not a
party to nor were we consulted in the
substitution as agreed upon between the
presidents of the coal companies and
representatives of the United Mine Work-
ers of America.
After the commission had been regu-
larly appointed by the president and
invited by the recorder of this commission
to become a party to its deliberations,
with the understanding that the agree-
ments were to be binding upon its find-
ings.
The independent operators signified
their willingness to become a party to
the substitution of the commission's con-
tentions. As far as the independent oper-
ators are concerned nothing has developed
in this preliminary hearing that would
change our minds as to the position we
took on the first of last May.
Indeed, from the independent operators' point
of view, there is something more
that should concern us only the oper-
ators, but every American citizen living
in the anthracite coal fields of a far greater
consequence than the mere adjusting
of wages or the recognition of any labor
organization.
We believe the rights of American citi-
zens have been assailed, and that in-
stead of an industry which prevailed
throughout the anthracite region, and it
is the purpose of the operators to at least
have an expression of the American peo-
ple through this honorable commission,
appointed by its president, thereby plac-
ing their seal of disapproval upon future
acts, so that anyone engaged in such
conduct under the protection of the
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fore he would assail the rights of another
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As to the increase of wages, the inde-
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their collieries are equal to and, in many
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By Judge Gray: There has not been a

great amount of time to be consulted be-
fore last night and 10 o'clock this morn-
ing.
By Mr. Burns: A good deal can be done
in that time. We do not want it under-
stood that by sitting here and keeping
still that we agree to everything done
without being consulted.
By Judge Gray: You do not assume
that the individual operators have agreed
to anything.
By Mr. Burns: I suppose they are par-
ties to this hearing and have some rights
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mission as expressed by your honor.
By Mr. Wilcox: I want to correct Mr.
Burns' statement of there being a meet-
ing held at which they were not present,
because there was no meeting.
By Judge Gray (addressing Mr. Len-
ahan, who represents the non-union men):
You made the suggestion yesterday that
you desired to ask certain questions of
Dr. Roberts.
By Mr. Lenahan: In view of the devel-
opments in this matter my associate and
myself after consultation last night, con-
clude that if the hearing is to go on on
the 30th of December then, with the per-
mission of the commission, we shall pro-
ceed with the cross-examination of Dr.
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