

## TWO CONFERENCES TAKE PLACE TODAY

### Scene of Anthracite Strike Adjustment Shifts from Scranton to New York and Washington.

### EXODUS OF PARTIES IN INTEREST

#### Independent Operators' Committee to Go to New York to Meet with the Coal Road Presidents—Mitchell and Other of the Miners' Representatives Hurriedly Depart for Washington in Response to a Telephonic Summons from Wayne MacVeagh to Confer with Attorneys of the Operators.

The center of activity in the anthracite mine strike controversy has been shifted from Scranton to New York and Washington.

In New York, today, a conference will be held between representatives of the independent operators and the presidents of the coal carrying companies. In Washington, there will be a conference between representatives of the miners and attorneys for the big companies, with a view of settling, as far as possible, the matters in dispute in the strike.

Hon. W. L. Connell and C. D. Simpson, of the independent operators' committee, left yesterday morning on the Lackawanna, at 10.15, to arrange the details of the conference held of exclusively and in detail in yesterday's Tribune. The other members of the committee left for New York on the 2.35 p. m. Lackawanna train.

When the presidents of the carrier-operator companies and the committee of mine of the independent operators come together today, some interesting developments can be looked for.

### Position of Independents.

The independents will insist that they can not go along in the proposition to slightly adjust the controversy by a 25 percent increase in wages unless there is a reduction in freight rates or maintenance of the advanced price in the big companies do not give the independents "due consideration." Their committee will, on its return to Scranton, recommend that the independents insist on the commission proceeding. If there had been no recess, and determine not only the ethics but the mathematics of the controversy.

If all fruit fails, the independents will attempt to deal directly with the United Mine Workers.

Just what the Washington conference is to be like, the interested parties in this city, yesterday, could give no definite information.

In the early afternoon, Wayne MacVeagh called up on the long distance telephone and requested that representatives of the miners come to Washington today, to confer with him and other representatives of the coal companies regarding the amicable adjustment proposition. Mr. MacVeagh was disposed to give details, but an intervening storm, somewhere along the line, made the telephonic communication difficult, and the matter, representative could definitely glean was that they were wanted in Washington at once.

### Went to Washington.

Accordingly, at 4.35 p. m. yesterday, President Mitchell, Attorney Darrow, Mr. Lloyd, Kellogg Durham and Mr. Mitchell's private secretary, Miss Morris, left for Washington over the Delaware and Hudson and Pennsylvania roads. Messrs. Darrow and Lloyd will stop at the New Willard and head the party at the Reuter hotel.

Before leaving, Mr. Mitchell had an earnest conversation with District President Nicholas, Fahy and Duffy, on the way from the headquarters at the St. Charles to the station and on the station platform. They will remain here until he returns. It was strongly intimated by Mr. Mitchell that he expected to go to New York between now and December 3, the date of the re-assembling of the commission—and that he would not be back in Scranton before Friday night.

The conference, yesterday morning, between J. H. Burns, of counsel for the independent operators, and Clarence S. Darrow, leading counsel for the miners, was not fraught with important developments. In view of the fact that a meeting of the independents and the big companies is to take place tomorrow, they agreed that anything they might do would be of little or no avail, so they contented themselves with a twenty minutes' discussion of the matter.

Commissioners Clark, Parker and Watkins are still in the city, but are doing nothing relating to the strike. Mr. Clark will stay here and busy himself with private matters. Messrs. Parker and Watkins will go to New York today or tomorrow to participate in some Thanksgiving festivities. Mr. Clark was invited to be Mr. Parker's guest in New York over Thanksgiving, but had to decline by reason of stress of business.

The same talk among local labor leaders of insuring a movement here to have the next congress enact legislation to make a permanent institution of the present commission. As yet the project has not taken on a definite shape.

### Proceedings in Book Form.

Recognizing the widespread interest taken all over the country in the testimony and arguments before the Anthracite Strike Commission, The Trib-

une will print in convenient columns the reports appearing from day to day, and will of a limited edition of copies for sale at each. The volume will consist of several hundred pages, eight by eleven inches, and will appear as soon as the commission's final decision is reached. Reports in The Tribune miss in the most essential interest and are the latest and most accurate reports printed in any newspaper. Orders should be sent to The Tribune now as the edition is liable to be exhausted.

### AN ENGINE EXPLODES.

#### Two Men Killed and Three Injured in a Wreck Near Altoona.

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 24.—By the blowing up of an engine at Mineral Point, thirty-two miles west of here, before daybreak, two men were killed and three injured.

The dead: SCOTT SEESSE, aged 38, fireman; of Altoona. DAVID SINGLE, aged 28, engineer; of Conemaugh.

The injured: Samuel Davis, aged 40, conductor; of Altoona. A. W. Snyder, aged 32, brakeman; of Altoona. George Miller, aged 25, fireman; of Conemaugh.

It was Pringle's engine which blew up. He was helping a freight train up the western slope of the Allegheny mountain without warning. It left George and his fireman, Miller, were blown out of the cab, Pringle's skull being fractured and a leg broken. Miller went over a thirty-foot embankment, escaping serious injury.

Scene was killed by the collapse of the cabin cut on the end of the freight. Davis and Snyder were also in the cabin. Pringle, with the other injured, was brought to Altoona, where he died this afternoon.

It is believed the explosion was due to low water in Pringle's engine.

### SCHOLARSHIPS SPURNED.

#### Students of Hanoverian University Will Not Accept Them.

Vienna, Nov. 24.—A special despatch from Göttingen, Prussia, says the students of the famous Hanoverian university have decided not to accept any of the scholarships founded by the late Cecil Rhodes.

The will of Cecil Rhodes provided for the establishment of five scholarships for students of German birth. All the scholarships were for education in Oxford, and to German students were to be nominated by Emperor William. The emperor of Germany was reported to have said in conversation with Dr. Von Lincanus, the chief of his majesty's civil cabinet, that he would not accept any of the scholarships founded by the late Cecil Rhodes.

### BREAD RIOTS IN RUSSIA.

#### Thousands of Persons Made Idle in the Rural Districts.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—Bread riots are reported from the Ural districts, where thousands of persons are idle because of the closing of the iron works. The students exiled to Siberia have been granted amnesty, some unconditionally, and some are allowed to return immediately but are subjected to police supervision.

### JUDGE MITCHELL TO BE RETIRED.

#### Medical Commission Finds Him Unable to Perform Duties of Office.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 24.—The medical commission appointed by Governor Stone to examine into the condition of Judge Mitchell, of the Superior court, reported to Governor Stone that Judge Mitchell is incapacitated to perform the duties of his office.

The finding of the commission, and it is said, will retire on half pay until the expiration of his term in 1919.

### Victim of Morphine.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 24.—Burt Olson, of Smithport, died tonight as the result of an overdose of morphine. He was found in a dying condition in a bath-tub at a leading hotel. He resisted all efforts to save his life and expressed a wish to die. Papers found on his person indicate that he was prominent in his community.

### Fatal Boiler Explosion.

McMinnville, Tenn., Nov. 24.—William Lowe and George Haley, Jr., were instantly killed, and John Haley, fatally scalded, by the explosion of a boiler in a grain mill at Clearmont, Warren county, today. The mangled body of Lowe was found up on a rocky ledge of the river bank.

### Postoffice Robbers Successful.

Beaver Falls, Pa., Nov. 24.—Robbers forced their way into the postoffice at Emom Valley last night and carried off \$52 in cash and in postage stamps. They then stole a horse and buggy and drove away.

### Earthquake in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 23.—An earthquake shock was felt last night at a Turanga, province of Leon.

### OPPOSING THE APOSTLE.

#### Ministerial Alliance of Salt Lake Objects to Smoot's Election.

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 24.—The Ministerial alliance of Salt Lake today adopted resolutions strongly opposing the proposed election to the United States senate of Reed Smoot, one of the lawless apostles of the Mormon church. A copy of the resolutions will be sent to every ministerial alliance of prominence in the country at once, and also probably to President Roosevelt, every congressman and United States senator and others prominent in political life. The resolutions say, in part: "As a consistent member of the Mormon apostolate, Apostle Smoot cannot make an important move without getting permission or taking counsel of the quorum of Mormon high priests, to which he belongs. By virtue of his apostolic vows, he must first act as an apostle Mormon, and second or third as a citizen of Utah and patriotic American.

"We protest against the proposed election of Apostle Smoot to the United States senate because of the criminal character of the department of the Mormon apostolate, to which he belongs and with which he works in harmony, and because of the polygamist religion in violation of covenants made to the people of the United States, as well as in violation of the criminal statutes of Utah. The two or three apostles who may be living Monogamous lives are obliged to defend the righteousness of the polygamist system of marriage, and to wink at the law-breaking polygamists of their fellow apostles."

### GEN. CHAFFEE REPORTS.

#### Assumes Command of the Department of the East, After Campaign in Philippines.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Major General Alma R. Chaffee, who has just assumed command of the department of the east, after his long service in the Philippines, reported to Secretary Root today. He appeared in uniform, and upon his arrival held an impromptu reception in the secretary's office. Later he made official calls on Secretary Hay and Secretary Moody, subsequently he had a long talk with Subsecretary Root, with reference to the plans of the department for the reduction of the army in the Philippines.

As a result of his recommendations, a general order relative to the methods of reducing the army will be issued. Later in the day Secretary Root accompanied General Chaffee to the executive offices and presented him to the president. The president cordially congratulated General Chaffee on his work in China and in the Philippines.

### WHITE HOUSE DINNER.

#### President and Mrs. Roosevelt Give First Entertainment of Season.

Washington, Nov. 24.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave their first dinner of the season at the white house tonight. Covers were laid for eighteen persons. The table was set in the family dining room, the decorations being in white. The guests included Justice and Mrs. White, Secretary Root, Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, General Crozier, Baron and Baroness Speck Von Sternberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Strachey, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Grant L. A. Farge and Miss Twicklerman.

### WRIGHT VISITS PRESIDENT.

#### He Outlined to Mr. Roosevelt the Work of the Commission.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Carrill D. Wright, recorder of the anthracite coal strike commission, had a conference with the president today. He outlined to Mr. Roosevelt the work of the commission, indicating to him that, whatever might be the result of the conferences between the representatives of the operators and the miners, the commission probably would proceed, at least for a time, with its work and endeavor to reach a definite conclusion which might be used in the future as a basis for the adjustment of similar controversies.

### PENNSY'S TEAM AT POCONO.

#### University's Foot Ball Giants Are Quartered at the Mt. Pocono.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Nov. 24.—Pennsylvania's foot ball team, the men who will play against Cornell on Thanksgiving day, are at the picturesque mountain resort, Mt. Pocono, until Wednesday. The varsity squad are quartered at the Mt. Airy house. It was at first thought that the men would go to Atlantic City or Water Gap, and it was not known until the last moment where the men were to be taken. Those composing the squad are Richard, Thomas, Torrey, Hoffman, McCade, Taylor, Plekarski, Mitchell, Baird, Jones, Metzger, Whetstone, Dale, Mulford, Woods, Farley, West, Garlanti, Marshall, Bennett and Shouse.

### Steamship Arrivals.

#### New York, Nov. 24.—Arrived: Kronland, Antwerp. Bremen—Arrived: Bremen, New York. Glasgow—Arrived: Columbus, New York. Liverpool—Arrived: Columbus, New York for Rotterdam. Plymouth—Arrived: Kronprinz Wilhelm, New York for Cherbourg and Bremen. Isle of Wight—Arrived: Friesland, New York for Antwerp.

### Six Round Draw.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—Charlie McKee, of the city, and Charlie Haghey, of Lowell, Mass., went six rounds to a draw at the Washington Sporting club tonight. Neither man received much damage and it was generally conceded by the spectators to have been a slow bout.

## REHEARSING GORE TRAGEDY

#### French Officials Compel De Rydzewski to Re-enact All Details of the Affair.

### DRAMATIC ASPECT OF CASE PRESENTED

#### The Accused Man Required to Take a Revolver and Go Through Every Detail Preceding the Death of Mrs. Gore—M. Bertillon, the Criminologist, Is Investigating the Case. Consul General Gowdy Will Also Conduct an Inquiry.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The Gore tragedy was presented in a dramatic aspect today, when the French officials took De Rydzewski to the scene of the occurrence and compelled him to re-enact every detail of the affair, this being done under the practice of the French law, which requires the reconstruction of the tragedy in the presence of officials under exactly the same conditions as it was originally enacted.

The chamber was arranged as on the night of the fatality and the same weapon was placed in De Rydzewski's hand to act out his version. As far as is known, the prisoner went through the details of the tragedy without wavering from his first story of the accidental fall of the revolver.

De Rydzewski re-enacted the final scene, giving complete details as to the position of Mrs. Gore and himself. He said he was lying on the bed, fully dressed, when the revolver fell from the foot of the bed, her legs hanging down on the side nearest the wall and her head thrown backwards on the feather quilt, which had been rolled to form a cushion. Wishing to take something from the night table, he said, he knocked off the revolver, which went off and the bullet struck Mrs. Gore in the face.

### Location of Bullet.

As the bullet was found buried in the hair of the victim, it is impossible to verify the direction taken by the missile otherwise than by the wound. As a result of today's examination, the examining magistrate has decided to set De Rydzewski at liberty, provisionally. Before the party left the house, M. Bertillon, the criminologist, who is also investigating the case on behalf of the police, showed to several photographers of the room, after asking De Rydzewski to place everything in exactly the same position it occupied at the moment of the tragedy. It is reported that as he did this De Rydzewski evinced considerable emotion.

Afterwards he left the room, escorted by two policemen, who escorted him to the prison, where the necessary formalities attending his discharge from custody were completed.

At the same time, the case has assumed an international aspect by the fact that the punishment of the accused is being discussed by the government of the United States and Central American republics by a European power must not include the seizure by that power of any American soil.

### RULES ON CUBAN WAR CLAIMS.

#### Commission Will Pay for Damage Due to Spain's Neglect.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The Spanish claims commission has announced the principles by which it will be governed in passing upon the various denunciations which have been submitted to it in connection with the claims now under consideration on account of the war between Spain and Cuba. The general basis is laid down that in assuming the responsibility, which would otherwise have been Spain's, the United States is bound to pay all claims for which Spain could have been held. It is held further that the punishment of the Government of Cuba, which had gone beyond the control of the Spanish government, and that it was not responsible for damages done to foreigners by the insurgents. If, however, it is shown that the Spanish authorities have prevented the damage done in any particular case by the exercise of due diligence the commission announces that it will hold the Spain liable.

### THE KANSAS CITY BULL FIGHT OFF.

#### Kansas City, Nov. 24.—Chief of Police Hayes announced today that the bull fight scheduled to take place in Convention hall on Thanksgiving evening would not be permitted. The tank ring has been placed in the hall, bulls and matadors have been ordered to leave the city and everything was ready for the bull fight, when the promoters were informed that the law would not permit the fight to take place.

The fight was the subject of discussion in a majority of pulpits in Kansas City yesterday, which aroused public sentiment.

### McGuire Gets Certificate of Election.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 24.—The territorial election board today issued a certificate of election to S. M. McGuire, the Republican candidate for delegate to congress, having a majority of 294 over W. M. Cross, Democrat. Cross has papers of contest ready to be filed with congress convenes. The legislative certificates of election were also issued and show the joint assembly to be Democratic by a majority of one.

### Killed by Brass Knuckles.

Shiloh, Pa., Nov. 24.—In what is known as the "blackberry" follow near Leesburg, last night, George Severs and David Bailey, engaged in a quarrel. Both were intoxicated. Bailey struck Severs in the back of the neck with a pair of brass knuckles, breaking his neck. Severs escaped in a freight train and has not yet been arrested.

### Sent Threatening Letters.

New York, Nov. 24.—William Brecker, recently arrested in connection with the police investigation into the sending of threatening letters to local merchants, was indicted today on a charge of blackmail. The letters purported to be from a "Blackmail Club" and one contained a threat of death in red ink.

### "Sleeping Beauty" at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—The local premiere of "The Sleeping Beauty" and "The Boss" occurred tonight at the Chestnut Street Opera house. It was the first time of the London Treasury. Late special agents in this city, and the production was enthusiastically received.

### BLAIR WILL CASE IN COURT.

#### Proceedings Began by Son Against Seventeen Other Relatives.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 24.—Proceedings were begun before Vice Chancellor Emery today to settle the construction of the will of the late John I. Blair, over which a contest is pending. The suit is instituted in the name of DeWitt Clinton Blair, the only surviving son of the Blairstown millionaire. He brings it as sole executor under the will and trustee under several large trust funds of testamentary creation.

Seventeen defendants are named in the bill, these being the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Mr. Blair. The principal defendant is Charles Scribner, son of the founder of the publishing house of that name and a grandson of John I. Blair. The main point in dispute arises from the language of the testator in making the bequests to be held in trust. It is claimed by the executor that he is not required to supply such securities as the will mentions, but which had been sold by the testator between the time of the execution of the will in 1878 and his death on Dec. 2, 1899.

### POSITION ON VENEZUELA.

#### We Will Not Oppose Steps to Collect Debts from Venezuela.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The state department is thoroughly informed of the length to which Great Britain, Germany and other European powers propose to go in their dealings with Venezuela. Great Britain and Germany have sounded the department to learn whether any objections would be made to active measures on their part to secure the collection of debts due their citizens on account of the violated concessions and the destruction of their property incident to the internal dissensions which have raged in Venezuela for several years past.

The department has been extremely cautious in dealing with these inquiries, but the substance of its replies in all cases has been set out in the declaration of President Roosevelt that the United States did not construe the Monroe doctrine to mean that it should shelter any of the American republics against the results of their own misdeeds or violations of international amity. The only condition made by the president at the end of the war and inflicted upon any of these South and Central American republics by a European power must not include the seizure by that power of any American soil.

### OPINION IN POTTER CASE.

#### New York Has No Power to Proceed Against Painters' Union.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Attorney General Davies, in an opinion submitted to Governor Odell, in the Potter case, holds that the state has no power to proceed against the Schenectady Painters' union for expelling Potter because of his membership in the National guard. No charge can be brought against the union for conspiracy, and there is no proof that the union did anything more than notify Potter's employers that he was a non-union worker.

### Warning to Chauffeurs.

During the past few weeks Director of Public Safety Wornos's office has been flooded with complaints from citizens who object to the fast running of automobiles within the city limits, and he has instructed the chief of police to issue a strict order to regulate the speed of bicycles and automobiles, which ordinance provides that they shall not be ridden or driven at a greater rate than a pedestrian can walk within the city limits, and not faster than four miles an hour when passing street intersections. The penalty for a violation of this ordinance is a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$10.

### Civil War Veteran Missing.

The police and the Grand Army men are interesting themselves in an endeavor to locate Melville H. Dowling, a Civil War veteran, who has been missing since Friday last. Dowling came to this city two months ago with his wife to spend the winter and engaged a suite of rooms at the Hotel Hamilton. He is subject to spells of temporary insanity brought on by an injury received on the head during the war. He is a commanding presence, with iron gray hair and mustache. He is a man of independent means. His wife thinks he may have gone to New York, but has been there for many years, and the authorities there have been notified.

### Killed by Electrician.

Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 24.—Calvin Berger, aged 35 years, was instantly killed this evening in the Shamokin Iron works by a long-handled skimming iron he was carrying coming into contact with a live wire and forming a circuit, causing two thousand volts of electricity to course through him.

### Resumption at Shamokin.

Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 24.—One hundred and fifty men resumed the work of sinking the Union Coal company's Scott shaft today. During the tie-up the shaft was flooded. It will give work to eight hundred men as soon as the breaker is constructed.

## BLOODY STRIKES IN HAVANA

### Some of the Results of the Conflict Illicits Yesterday Between Strikers and Police.

### TWO MEN ARE DEAD EIGHTY-TWO WOUNDED

#### Five of the Injured Sustain Serious Wounds—The Mayor of the City in Sympathy with the Strikers—Gives Orders to the Police Not to Use Force in Dispersing Crowds, Veterans Under General Gomez Threaten to Offer their Services to the Government.

Havana, Nov. 24.—As the result of conflicts of a serious nature today between the police and the men on strike here, two strikers are dead and eighty-two other persons are wounded. Five of the wounded, one a lieutenant of police, whose throat was cut by a striker, have very severe injuries. Eight other policemen are wounded. The police have the rioters well under control, but every precaution is being taken to prevent further outbreak or disorder, and all the police and rural guards in the suburbs have been summoned to concentrate in Havana.

The strike, which at first only concerned the cigar makers, became general this morning, by calling out of all trades in sympathy with the cigar makers. All the trades people closed their doors this morning, clerks, cooks and other classes of workers having obeyed the command of the union except the motormen and conductors of the electric cars, who refused to join in the general strike.

The trouble began early by the holding up of the electric cars by the strikers, whose wrath naturally was directed against the street railroad employees. Several cars were held up and stoned in the outskirts of the city and the passengers were compelled to walk into Havana, among those being the British and German ministers. Several cars were wrecked and some motormen and conductors were injured during these occurrences.

The carmen, however, continued running their cars until 10 o'clock, when Superintendent Greenwood ordered a suspension of traffic. The employees were willing to return to work but the officers of the company, in order to protect their property, deemed it wise to suspend the service. Mr. Greenwood had asked for protection from the civil government, but the authorities were unable to protect the public vehicles.

### Sympathy of Mayor.

The mayor of Havana, and the secretary of government, Diego Tamayo, and the police chief, all sympathized with the strikers and had given orders to the police not to use force in dispersing the crowds, and under those conditions, the police were unable to cope with the strikers.

The situation was approaching a critical point at noon, serious disorders having taken place in front of the palace itself, in which a police officer, named Maso, and a number of policemen and strikers received injuries, when President Palma sent word to the mayor that unless the strikers could preserve order and protect the railroad company, the state would intervene. The mayor then took drastic measures and issued an edict prohibiting crowds from gathering in the streets and authorizing the chief of police to kill, if such action should be necessary to preserve order.

A similar show of force early in the morning undoubtedly would have prevented the trouble, but now the strikers had become emboldened and frequent clashes between them and the police occurred in all parts of the city. The police were obliged to charge a mob of rioters at the slaughter house and several among the latter were injured. The vigorous attitude of the police now made itself felt and traffic on the car lines, which had only been suspended for a brief period, was resumed, and was continued from the time forth, with only occasional interruptions. Most of the injuries sustained by the strikers were caused by the policemen's clubs.

The Central Veterans' union, headed by General Gomez, held a meeting this afternoon and sent word to the labor unions that if the disorders continued the veterans would offer their services to President Palma to preserve order. No bread or meat was on sale today and a continuance of the strike will cause much suffering among the poor. The police fear that trouble may occur in this city tonight and a detachment of rural guards is expected to reach Havana at 2.30 tomorrow morning.

Senator Tamayo has resigned his office of secretary of government, but President Palma will not accept his resignation until the strike has been settled. The public blames Tamayo for his active participation in the strike and says that he and the mayor are responsible for today's riots, as he had openly expressed sympathy with the strikers. At a political meeting on Wednesday Senator Tamayo endorsed the action of the strikers.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

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