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CONFERENCES FAILED.

Both Sides Preparing to Test Their Claims.

Crop Report—Substitutes For Anthracite—General Stewart Elected Hill Opened Campaign—Killed in Socialist Riot—Agricultural Colleges. Snow in Essex.

After two days of conferences in New York city 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.

Being told further that the concession would carry with it recognition of the miners' union, the operators promptly refused to entertain the proposal and took their leave.

Replete as its opening with promise of a solution of the struggle between the United Mine Workers of America and the operators of the anthracite properties in Pennsylvania, Thursday closed without apparent appreciable progress toward an agreement upon the issues in the controversy.

Most noteworthy of the day's events was a conference at the office of Senator T. C. Platt, at which there were present among others, the two senators from Pennsylvania and the governor of New York and nearly all the presidents of the big corporations controlling the anthracite field.

There were conferences during the day in which President Mitchell and men of more or less consequence in the industrial world participated, but these, so far as information obtainable goes, were as barren of results as the principal meeting, details of which are given out on the authority of one who was present.

In brief, there has been no change in the situation so far as it might have been affected by the gathering in New York of labor leaders, mine operators and public men.

Government Crop Report. The monthly crop report of the United States statistician of the department of agriculture shows that the average condition of corn Oct. 1 was 79.6 as compared with 84.3 last year, 82.1 on Oct. 1, 1901, and 77.7 the mean of the October averages of the last 10 years.

The preliminary estimate of the average yield per acre of spring wheat is 14.4 bushels, subject to revision when the final wheat estimate is made. The estimated average of yield per acre in the states having 100,000 acres or upwards in spring wheat range from Kansas, 19.5 to Idaho, 28.1.

The average quality of spring wheat is 87.7. The preliminary estimate of the average yield per acre of oats is 24.5 bushels as compared with 25.1 bushels on Oct. 1, 1901, and 26.8 bushels the mean of the October estimates for the past 10 years.

The preliminary estimate of the average yield per acre of barley is 24.7 bushels, against 24.7 bushels on Oct. 1, 1901, and 23.2 the mean of October averages of the last 10 years. The average for quality is 91.8, against 89.4 last year.

The average condition of buckwheat on Oct. 1 was 80.5 as compared with 86.4 last month; 90.5 on Oct. 1, 1901, and 80.2 the mean of the averages of the last 10 years.

LEFT TO COMMISSION.

Operators Have Agreed to Refer Questions at Issue.

To Consist of Five Members—Miners to Return to Work as Soon as the Commission Is Appointed and to Cease Interference With Non-Union Workmen.

Washington, Oct. 14.—The operators have agreed to the appointment of a commission by the president of the United States to whom shall be referred all questions at issue between the companies and their own employees, whether they belong to a union or not, and the decision of the commission shall be accepted by the operators.

The commission is to consist of an army or navy engineer officer, an expert mining engineer not connected with the coal mining properties, one of the judges of the United States court of the Eastern district of Pennsylvania; a man prominent as a sociologist and a man who by active participation in mining or selling coal is familiar with the physical and commercial features of the business.

The operators also make a part of their proposition that the miners shall return to work as soon as the commission is constituted and cease all interference with non-union men; the commission to name a date when its findings shall be effective and to govern conditions of employment between the companies and their own employees for at least three years.

MET AT WHITE HOUSE.

Messrs. Morgan and Bacon Confer With President and Secretary Root.

Washington, Oct. 14.—J. P. Morgan and Robert S. Bacon, one of his partners, arrived here about 10 o'clock and were driven to the Arlington hotel. They refused to see any one and went at once to their rooms. Their visit is believed to have been of the nature of a conference on the coal strike which would take place either with the president directly or with Secretary Root, who has represented the president in various efforts of the latter to bring about a settlement.

It was reported that George F. Baer, president of the Reading railroad was also here but he could not be found. Shortly after going to his room, Mr. Morgan came down stairs and left the hotel for the temporary White House, where he was at once shown upstairs and into the room where the president was and a conference on the strike situation began.

Secretary Root, who has represented the president in various efforts of the latter to bring about a settlement, was also present. After the discussion had lasted some time, Secretary Cortelyou was summoned, presumably to take some directions or to reduce some matter to writing.

MET IN PHILADELPHIA.

Presidents Cassatt and Baer Confer With Colliery Owners.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—Numerous conferences took place in this city relative to the anthracite coal miners' strike, the more prominent of the participants being President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company; President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad and United States Senator Quay.

The coal question Mr. Hill declared to be a national one, saying: "If it is not, why did the president himself recently intervene and summon private citizens to the White House for conference and exercise his official influence in regard to a matter over which he had no jurisdiction? He had no authority for any legal interference on his part. He himself has made it a national question and he and his party are now stopped from otherwise regarding it."

Senator Hill also discussed the question of the election of United States senators by the people; arraigned the Administration of Governor Odell on the score of extravagance and declared that the Democratic party had never presented a better ticket for the suffrages of the people.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Cutled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurred Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

The 26th annual encampment of the G. A. R. opened Monday in Washington. President Mitchell met a committee of the National Manufacturers' association at Buffalo to discuss plans for resuming work at the mines.

Camp Roosevelt was opened by the Grand Army at Washington and the veterans listened to the president's welcome through Secretary Hay.

General Percin, who denied shaking hands with former Captain Shreyfus, was challenged by the author of the statement and wounded in a duel at St. Cloud.

President Roosevelt took another step in the coal strike matter by sending Carroll D. Wright to meet John Mitchell at Philadelphia with a proposition that the miners return to work on the promise of official investigation of grievances.

Thursday. Mrs. William Richards of East Lockport died from the effect of burns. She was found locked in a closet with her clothing on fire.

Burglars dynamited the safe in the ticket office of the Pittsburgh and Western railway at Allegheny and stole about \$300 in cash.

President Roosevelt reviewed the Grand Army parade at Washington from his carriage. It was a hard to support his injured leg.

Action has been taken by the forest, fish and game commission for the permanent improvement of the famous John Brown house at North Eba.

The farm barns of Edward Robinson, the season's crops and many implements were burned. The owner was attending the G. A. R. encampment in Washington.

Friday. William Dunham, a striking miner, was shot dead by Private Wadsworth of the Eighteenth regiment at Shenandoah.

Twenty-five thousand members of the G. A. R. took part in the parade in Washington and were reviewed by President Roosevelt.

John Kensit, the ultra-Protestant champion in England, died from the effects of a blow with a chisel thrown at him after a meeting.

After receiving reports that his organization had voted to remain on strike, Mr. Mitchell and three district presidents went to New York and had a conference with Senators Platt, Quay and Penrose.

Reports of the G. A. R. show that there are living 900,000 of the men who were a part of the Union army in the '60's, and the muster roll of the G. A. R. contain 263,745 names of members in good standing.

Saturday. President Roosevelt received Crown Prince of Siam.

The 4,800 pupils in the Schenectady public schools were sent home because of the coal supply giving out.

In several towns of Essex county snow fell last week. Enough came down to give the ground a covering of white.

In a quarrel between a school teacher and the board of trustees at Altona, a little station on the Great Northern, seven miles north of the Canadian line, seven persons have been shot. One of them is dead and five others are dying.

Republican politicians of New York and Pennsylvania met the coal operators in an endeavor to force a settlement of the coal strike by threats of unfavorable legislation, and failed utterly to move them from their determination to continue the fight.

Monday. Both Republican and Democrats in Indiana complain of lack of interest in the campaign.

Three expert handballers rob the Burlington express train near Lincoln, Neb., securing \$50,000, mostly in gold coin.

All militia companies in New Orleans called into service because of failure of efforts to settle street railway strike.

A mass meeting to aid in securing the release of Mrs. Maybrick from English prison is to be held in Chicago next Thursday.

WHOLESALE GRAVE ROBBING.

Four More Bodies Found and Identified at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Oct. 14.—Four corpses were found tied up in sacks in Georgia street and in the rear of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons. The bodies were identified as those of Mrs. Johanna Stitz, said to have been stolen from the Elmhurst cemetery; Miss Glendora Gates, alleged to have been stolen from Anderson cemetery; Wallace Johnson, taken from Ebenezer cemetery, and Mrs. Catherine Doehring, from the German Catholic cemetery.

Seventeen persons are now under arrest for grave robbing. This list includes nine negroes, three white doctors, one colored undertaker, a proprietor of a cemetery and three night watchmen.

It is supposed at least 100 graves have been despoiled within the last three months.

Judge Alford in his instructions to members of the grand jury told them to sift the outrage regardless of any man's prominence.

Prison Ship Jersey Found.

New York, Oct. 14.—After lying buried for over a century the famous English prison ship Jersey, in which several hundred revolutionary soldiers were martyred while the British held New York, has been accidentally discovered at the Brooklyn navy yard by the workmen who are putting up the launching ways for the battleship Connecticut. Historical associations have been searching for the Jersey for 50 years. The half burned hull of the ship is lying under 12 or 14 feet of dirt and water and is in perfect condition.

Newspaper Man Appointed.

Washington, Oct. 14.—The president has appointed Henry L. West to be commissioner of the District of Columbia to succeed the late John W. Ross. Mr. West is a well-known newspaper man of this city. For many years he has been connected with the Washington Post. Mr. West is the second newspaper man to be appointed on the board of commissioners.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 76½¢; f. o. b. affoot; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 81½¢. CORN—No. 2 corn, 68¢ f. o. b. affoot. OATS—No. 2 oats, 35¼¢; No. 3 white, 36¢; No. 3 white, 35¼¢.

PORK—Mess, \$18.25@18.75; family, \$21.00. HAY—Shipping, 55@70¢; good to choice, 90@95¢.

BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 24¢; factory, 17¼@18¼¢; imitation creamery, western fancy, 19½¢. EGGS—Fancy large white, 12¢; small white, 12½¢.

CHEESE—State and Pennsylvania, 26¢. POTATOES—New York, per 180 lbs., \$1.50@1.75.

Buffalo Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 76¼¢; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 74¢. CORN—No. 2 corn, 65¼¢ f. o. b. affoot; No. 3 corn, 65¢. OATS—No. 2 white, 36¼¢; No. 3 white, 35¼¢.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bl., \$4.60@4.25; low patent, \$2.50@2.75. BUTTER—Creamery, western extra tubs, 23½¢; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 23¢; dairy, fair to good, 19½@20¢.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12½¢; good to choice, 11¼@12¼¢; common to fair, 9@11¢. EGGS—State, fresh fancy, 25¢. POTATOES—Per bushel, 50@60¢.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$7.25@7.50; good to choice shipping steers, \$6.00@6.75; fair to good steers, \$5.25@5.75; choice to smooth fat heifers, \$4.75@5.25; fair to good heifers, \$4.00@4.40; good butcher bulls, \$3.25@3.65. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Spring lambs, fair to good, \$5.00@5.25; light to fair, \$4.65@4.90; good to choice handy wethers, \$3.90@4.25.

HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$7.10@7.20; medium hogs, \$7.25@7.35; choice 240 lbs and upwards, \$7.35@7.40.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—New, per ton, loose, \$14.00@16.00; prime on track, per ton, \$15.50@16.50; No. 1 do, \$13.50@14.50; No. 2, do, \$11.00@12.00.

Little Falls Cheese Market.

Little Falls, Oct. 13. Sales of cheese on dairy market today were: Large colored, 1 lot of 100 boxes at 11¼¢; small white, 10 lots of 607 boxes at 11¼¢; small white, 18 lots of 894 boxes at 11¼¢; small colored, 4 lots of 276 boxes at 11¼¢; small colored, 8 lots of 269 boxes at 11¼¢; twins, colored, 6 lots of 325 boxes at 11¼¢; twins, white, 4 lots of 179 boxes at 11¼¢; twins, white, 19 lots of 976 boxes at 11¼¢.

Utica Cheese Market.

At the dairy board of trade today the sales of cheese were: Four lots of large white, 250 boxes at 11¼¢; 11 lots of large colored, 797 boxes at 11¼¢; 11 lots of small white, 960 boxes at 11¼¢; 11 lots of small white, 890 boxes at 11¼¢; 18 lots of small colored, 1,590 boxes at 11¼¢; 41 lots of small colored, 3,864 boxes at 11¼¢.

BUTTER—47 tons of tubs of creamery sold at 22¢ and 155 tubs at 23¢.