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THE COAL DEADLOCK

Anthracite Operators Meet Miners at New York.

ADJOURN WITHOUT AGREEMENT.

President Mitchell Retorted Workers' Demands—Neither Side Willing to Recede From Its Original Position.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The subcommittee representing the anthracite operators and the mine workers of eastern Pennsylvania held their first joint meeting here and after nearly a three hours session adjourned until 1 p. m. tomorrow without coming to an agreement.

Each side to the controversy has refused to make the slightest concession, and the whole question is apparently as far from solution as it was before the conference began. In the meantime the tie-up of the anthracite industry remains as complete as ever without indication that a resumption of mining will occur very soon.

Notwithstanding the fruitless session and the apparently hopeless deadlock between the workmen and their employers rumors are still current that



JOHN MITCHELL,
a way will be found which will enable the operators and miners to stand on common ground and settle their differences.

Mr. Mitchell was greeted with marked cordiality by President George F. Baer, who shook hands with him, and by Frederick D. Underwood of the Erie and several independent operators.

As Mr. Mitchell was entering the conference room he was asked if there would be any objection to the newspaper men attending the conference, and he answered, "Why, no; I don't think so."

After the conference the following statement was given out by a representative of the operators:

"The conference opened with President E. B. Thomas of the Lehigh Valley company in the chair. Mr. Mitchell made a long speech detailing why in his judgment the original demands of the miners ought to be granted. He was followed by Mr. Nicholas, president of the Lackawanna-Wyoming district of the miners' union, who supported Mr. Mitchell's argument. There were other speeches by the representatives of the miners. In fact, that side did nearly all the talking.

"There was no disposition on either side to recede from its original position or to accept any modification of the original demands. Mr. Mitchell's attitude indicated that the counter proposition made by the operators for a renewal of the working agreement drafted by the anthracite strike commission was not acceptable to the miners.

"On motion of Mr. Mitchell the conference adjourned.

"The entire situation remains the same as before the meeting. The suspension of work in the anthracite mines will continue pending the negotiations."

Each member of the operators' committee was sought for an interview giving further details of the meeting, but none of them cared to say anything beyond what was contained in the statement.

President Mitchell denied that the union intended to withdraw its demands.

"The miners' representatives did the talking and talked glittering generalities," President Baer said. "We accomplished nothing of practical value. Of course both sides are anxious to reach a solution, and we met in a friendly spirit. There was some story telling and general good feeling, but neither side modified its position."

President Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad said:

"The situation is unchanged. We are no nearer an agreement."

The members of the miners' committee, including President Mitchell, absolutely refused to talk of the conference, even going so far as to decline to confirm or deny the statement issued by the operators. The miners' president also refused to express an opinion as to whether the situation was hopeful or discouraging from his viewpoint.

Newspaper men had made a request that they be permitted to attend the conference, but it was refused. Mr. Baer saying that it would be better not to depart from the rule adopted. Nevertheless details were obtained from various sources. Mr. Mitchell's argument, it was learned, was along practically the same lines as that contained in his letter to Mr. Baer some time ago, in which he gave reasons in

a general way. He said the men felt they were entitled to more pay and the betterment of certain conditions, and he himself believed they were justified in asking that their situation be improved. The operators did not make a formal reply to Mr. Mitchell's remarks, but frequently plied the miners' leader and Mr. Nicholas with questions.

President Mitchell held the following letter from Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania, sent to himself and to Mr. Baer:

"The commonwealth of Pennsylvania expects that every reasonable effort will be made by the parties interested to accommodate the differences between the coal operators and coal miners and to avert the strike which is now threatened."

Reports received from the anthracite fields during the conference, according to the labor leaders, were satisfactory to them. There were no breaks reported in the ranks of the mine workers, and none is expected.

Mr. Mitchell in discussing the situation in the bituminous fields said he had received a large number of telegrams from the soft coal fields which satisfied him that affairs in those regions are working themselves out just as he had anticipated. Thousands of men, he said, had returned to work under the scale of 1908, which gives them an increase of 8.55 cents over the wages received during the last two years.

No Trouble at Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 4.—No trouble occurred at any of the eleven operations of the Berwind-White Coal company in Windber, where over 2,500 of the 8,000 men employed joined in the parade, thus for the first time announcing their allegiance to the United Mine Workers of America. Not more than a few hundred of the 2,500 who have not yet joined the union went to work, and all were escorted to the mines by armed deputies and coal police. No attempt to interfere with them was made.

Lyon Mountain Mines Idle.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., April 4.—The iron mines at Lyon Mountain, N. Y., owned by the Delaware and Hudson company, are idle owing to a strike of the miners, who quit work when their demands for an increase of 35 cents a day for miners and 25 cents a day for laborers were refused.

Situation in Pittsburg District.

PITTSBURG, April 4.—In the Pittsburg district there are 18,000 miners working, and 12,000 are idle. Nearly all of the mines of the Pittsburg Coal company are in operation, and it is expected that those men who are out will return within a day or so.

Ohio Miners May Work on 1903 Scale.

COLUMBUS, O., April 4.—The executive board of the Ohio Mine Workers' organization decided to permit the miners to sign contracts with any operators who are willing to pay the 1903 scale.

"Old Sport" Campaign Dead.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Napoleon Campaign, known throughout the country as "Old Sport" Campaign, is dead of heart disease and dropsy in the Alexian Brothers' hospital. Twenty-five years ago Campaign was a professional pedestrian, taking part in many famous walking matches in various parts of the United States. He was famous for his intense admiration of men prominent in the sporting world and was tattooed with the likeness of John L. Sullivan, Mike Kelly, the famous ball player, and others. He was seventy-five years of age.

Eight Hurt by Explosion.

PITTSBURG, April 4.—Eight persons were injured and the three story brick building 1907 Fifth avenue badly damaged by an explosion of gas. The explosion was caused by a leaking gas pipe, which plumbers were repairing. Alice Pfaffe, a domestic, smelling gas, struck a match, and the explosion followed. Miss Pfaffe was painfully burned and is suffering from shock. The loss is \$3,000.

Murphy Bill Killed at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 4.—The assembly practically killed the Murphy bill, which would permit William Randolph Hearst to secure a recount of the vote cast for mayor at the last election, when George B. McClellan was elected on the face of the returns. The bill was recommended to the committee on judiciary after a debate occupying the entire day by a vote of 56 to 47.

HOPE OF AMERICA.

Glorious Sendoff For Our Olympic Athletes.

TO CHALLENGE THE WORLD AT ATHENS

Thirty-two of the "Finest Ever" Of Greece Capital to Compete in Revival of Ancient Olympics Games.

NEW YORK, April 4.—America's pride in the athletic field sailed for Athens, Greece, in the steamer Barbarossa from the port to compete with the whole world in the Olympic games.

It was a glorious sendoff that the team received. Every band that Hoboken owned turned out to do homage. Enthusiastic stay-at-homes to the number of a thousand were on the pier ends and on chartered tugs, and everybody was as hoarse as campaign orators before election time when the Barbarossa headed for the open sea.

When the shouting was over somebody told the reporters that "she" had promised "him." "She" is a member of the ladies' auxiliary of the Thirtieth regiment, a blue eyed girl whose name was kept secret. The man referred to as "him" is Harry L. Hillman, but the wedding is said to be conditional on the young man's winning a victory abroad.

The American team numbered thirty-four as picked, but only thirty-two sailed in the Barbarossa. Two others had gone ahead. Mat Halpin, the manager, and the wives of two of the athletes went along, as did J. B. Connolly, the Boston broad jumper, with his wife. Connolly will compete, but at his own expense.

The Greek committee sent a big floral horseshoe, which was displayed in the saloon for an hour before the vessel started. The Irish-American Athletic association chartered the tugboat Robert Palmer, and a large Irish flag, with the colors of the organization, flew from the after flagstaff.

Speaking of the prospects for the team, Manager Halpin said:

"I have just one slogan and that is that I have a team of American winners, and we are going to come back with the goods."

Some of the chief members of the team who departed on the Barbarossa were: Bob Elgren, the hammer thrower; Ray Ewry, who won the standing jump at the recent N. Y. C. A. competition; G. N. Boubag, the long distance runner; Harvey Cohen, famous "five miler"; Charles J. Bacon, "half miler"; W. G. Frank, runner; Joseph Poshaw, Marathon runner; B. A. Fowler, Marathon runner; F. B. Glover, pole vaulter; Harry L. Hillman, "quarter miler" and hurdler; Archie Hahn, sprinter; H. W. Kerrigan, high jumper; J. D. Lightbody, "half miler"; R. S. Leavitt, hurdler; and Joseph S. Mitchell, weight thrower.

Warily Plans Arrested For Rioting.

SUPERIOR, Wis., April 4.—A considerable force of deputies has just departed for Brule, Wis., where election riots are in progress. The invasion of Brule by a crowd of some fifty Finlanders who are nonresidents caused the trouble. The Finns signified their intention of voting whether they had a legal right to do so or not. The deputy sheriff sent from Superior arrived in Brule in time to find the Finlanders, who are now said to number close to a hundred, in a state of intoxication and generally running the town to suit themselves. When the deputy sheriff arrived a short fight resulted and many Finns were arrested.

Colonel Wolcott Dead at Genoa.

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y., April 4.—A cablegram says that Colonel Henry G. Wolcott of the national guard is dead at Genoa, Italy. He was fifty-three years of age and widely known as a lawyer and inventor. Colonel Wolcott was the donor of the Wolcott medal, a marksman's trophy in the national guard of this state.

Vessel Owner's Sudden Death.

CLEVELAND, O., April 4.—Henry A. Hawgood, president of the Hawgood Transit company and one of the best known vessel owners on the lakes, died suddenly of heart failure at his home near this city. Mr. Hawgood was sixty years of age. He had been in poor health for two years.

Got Dowie's Summer Home.

MUSKOGEE, Mich., April 4.—A deed transferring Jolu Alexander Dowie's \$200,000 summer home on White lake, near here, to Deacon Alexander Granger has been recorded here. The deed bears power of attorney from Dowie and wife to the new ruler of Zion City, W. G. Voliva.

Weeks Elected at Jamestown.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., April 4.—James L. Weeks (Rep.) was elected mayor of Jamestown by 271 plurality over Frank H. Mott (Dem), running as a "Citizens" candidate. The remainder of the Republican ticket was also elected except one alderman. The first ward chose Leonard J. Field (Pro.).

Colonel Escobar Assassinated.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 4.—Colonel Gilberto Escobar, governor of Jinotega, has been assassinated in the streets of that city. The assassin was captured. President Zelaya has returned to the capital and held a public reception, at which 12,000 persons were present.

Mayor of Kansas City Resigns.

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—Four of the six wards in Kansas City, Kan., having declared in yesterday's election against Mayor W. W. Rose's policy of licensing liquor joints, the mayor sent his resignation to the city council last night.

Milwaukee Elects Becker Mayor.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 4.—Returns from a few precincts in the city election indicate that Sberburn M. Becker, Republican, has defeated David E. Rose for mayor.

PRINCE OF PILSEN.

Benning's Steeplechase Won by Favorite.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—An excellent crowd, attracted to the races at Benning by a first rate card and beautiful weather, was well repaid in better sport than is usual on an off day. Four favorites rewarded their backers, the other two events being captured the one by an outsider and the other by a strong choice.

Tickle was scratched in the handicap, which was the first number on the programme, and Daruma was installed as favorite, with Sterling in strong demand. The favorite had no difficulty in winning, holding her company safe at all stages. Royal Window just tipped the place from Bluecoat.

August Belmont's Nancy ran away with the second. She never was better than 1 to 5 in the speculation. Moccasin was the choice for the place, but Isadore Hirsch beat him out in the stretch.

In the third the horses ran true to form, Parkville winning handily from Zany. Hanover Hornpipe just getting into the purse.

Prince of Pilsen easily won the steeplechase, although he was badly interfered with at one of the hedges by Copper and pulled up lame. Salfine took the place, and La Danador, after twice refusing the jumps, ran into third.

An upset occurred in the fifth race, when Water Dog, as good as 10 to 1 at the opening, won in a hard drive from Winchester, with the heavily played Workman as third and The Cure, the favorite, no better than fourth.

A cheap bunch was offered in the sixth at all kinds of prices. Grand Duchess was made the favorite, but there was generous play on Sir Brinkley, Flat and Castor. Flat went out to the front early and never was headed, winning easily. The favorite got the place, with Castor third. Summaries:

First Race—Daruma, first; Royal Window, second; Bluecoat, third.

Second Race—Nancy, first; Isadore Hirsch, second; Moccasin, third.

Third Race—Parkville, first; Zany, second; Hanover Hornpipe, third.

Fourth Race—Prince of Pilsen, first; Salfine, second; La Danador, third.

Fifth Race—Water Dog, first; Winchester, second; Workman, third.

Sixth Race—Flat, first; Grand Duchess, second; Castor, third.

Jay Gould's Brilliant Tennis.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Two games were decided in the preliminary round of the annual tournament for the court tennis championship of the United States in the New York Racket and Tennis club. The feature of the day was the brilliant performance of Jay Gould, who recently won the gold racket trophy at court tennis on the Tuxedo Park court. He won three straight sets from J. J. Cairns of the Boston Tennis and Racket club.

Harvard Will Play Football.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 4.—The Harvard athletic committee is in favor of playing intercollegiate football at Harvard during the season of 1906. The announcement is made that at a meeting of the committee resolutions were adopted declaring in favor of the game under the revised rules recently compiled by the American intercollegiate football rules committee at its conference in New York.

Oliver Burnett at Oaklawn.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 4.—Oliver Burnett was the only favorite to win at Oaklawn. Alma's Pet made a runaway affair of the two-year-old event, winning by three lengths, pulled up. Charlatan showed a peculiar reversal of form when she defeated Pontotoc and Convolv at one mile and seventy yards.

New York University For Football.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Football will be played next fall at New York university under the code as revised by the rules committee and formally adopted last Saturday. Chancellor McCracken made the announcement to the students in the chapel, and it was received with much enthusiasm.

Rugby to Be Played at New Haven.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A game of rugby football will be played next Saturday between Yale and New York at New Haven. The latter organization is a team picked by selection of the Eastern Rugby union and composed largely of men who formerly played the game in Great Britain.

Long Shots Won at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Long priced horses captured most of the events at Oakland. Among those that won were Cold Heather, at 6 to 1; Parting Jennie, at 9 to 1, and Albert Fir, at 10 to 1.

His False Entries Totalled \$500,000.

PITTSBURG, April 4.—After a lengthy hearing before United States Commissioner W. T. Lindsay, George E. Ralston, former industrial book-keeper of the Enterprise National bank of Allegheny, was held for the action of the federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy. The testimony alleged that Ralston had made false entries in the bank's books aggregating nearly \$500,000.

King Edward at Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, France, April 4.—King Edward has arrived here from Biarritz and boarded the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, where he joined Queen Alexandra.

VICTORY AND DEFEAT

Chicago Not to Operate Street Railway Lines.

BUT VOTES \$75,000,000 TO BUY PLANT

Mayor Dunne Claims Big Battle Gained For Municipal Ownership, but is Disappointed That it Was Not a Complete Rout.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Under the result of the city election, in which the question of municipal ownership of the street railways was the vital issue, the city of Chicago can proceed to acquire and control the railways, but cannot operate them. At the same time the voters, while declaring that the city shall not proceed to operate the railroads, declared that as a question of public policy it would be desirable for the city to do so.

Three propositions were submitted to the voters, the first of which was: "Shall the city of Chicago proceed to operate street railways?" This proposition required 90 per cent of the total vote cast in order to become effective. The total vote was approximately 233,000. Of this number the proposition to proceed to the immediate operation of the street railways secured but 123,000 votes, about 16,000 short of the necessary three-fifths.

The second proposition involved the approval of an ordinance previously passed by the city council providing for the issue of street railway certificates in amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purchase, ownership and maintenance of the street railways. This was carried by about 3,800 votes. The third question, which was simply on the question of public policy and has no legal effect whatever, is, "Shall the city council proceed without delay to secure the municipal ownership and operation of the street railways under the Mueller law instead of granting franchises to private companies?" This proposition was carried by about 3,900 votes.

Mayor Dunne construed the passage of the \$75,000,000 certificates and public policy propositions as a victory for municipal ownership, but expressed his disappointment over the defeat of the proposition for municipal operation. He said:

"I admit that I am disappointed because the victory is not complete. The people will vote for operation with a big majority at the proper time."

The election was one of the most interesting to Chicago voters that has been held in many years. The vote was much larger than had been expected, and all day the contest for and against municipal ownership was bitter. Party lines were largely ignored.

WELCOMED AT WHITE HOUSE.

Governor General of Canada and Lady Grey Guests of Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—President Roosevelt gave a dinner at the White House last night in honor of the governor general of Canada and Countess Grey and their party, who are sojourning in this country.

The visitors, who in addition to Earl and Lady Grey include their daughter, Lady Sibyl Grey; Lady Alexandra de Vere Benedict and Colonel Hanbury Williams, arrived here from New York about half past 6 o'clock last evening and went direct to the White House, where they are to be overnight guests of the president.

They will remain in the city for several days and will be entertained by the British ambassador and Lady Durand and other friends. At the dinner the table decorations were bridal and golden gate roses.

Those invited to meet the distinguished visitors were the British ambassador and Lady Durand, Secretary and Mrs. Root, Speaker Cannon, Senator Lodge, Representative and Mrs. Longworth, Attorney General Moody, Secretary and Mrs. Bonaparte, Lieutenant Colonel Gleichen, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Whitridge, Miss Edith Root, Miss Emily Tuckerman and Mr. Gifford Pinchot.

Hadley's Ills Delay Trial.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 4.—On account of the illness of Attorney General Hadley the hearing of the ouster suit against the Republic, the Waters-Pierce and the Standard Oil companies, set for April 5 in St. Louis, has been postponed until April 12. General Hadley's condition is regarded as improved.

Russia Loses a Submarine.

LIBAU, Russia, April 4.—During the trial of a submarine boat here a torpedo boat from which several naval officers were witnessing the experiments struck a reef. Those on board the torpedo boat were rescued, but a snowstorm prevented the salvage of the torpedo boat, which sank.

Women Appeal to Roosevelt.

TOLEDO, O., April 4.—At the session of the executive board of the National Council of Women a protest against the threatened massacre of Russian Jews at Easter was sent to President Roosevelt, with a request that he do whatever he can to prevent the horror.

David B. Hill at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Former United States Senator David B. Hill of New York, who has been spending some weeks in South Carolina on account of his health, has arrived here on route home.

King Edward at Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, France, April 4.—King Edward has arrived here from Biarritz and boarded the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, where he joined Queen Alexandra.

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