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#### Conference Was Held Yesterday With the Members of His Cabinet--Future Moves Not Announced.

Moves Not Announced. In an earnest effort to expediate the adjustment of the coal strike problem another conference over the situation was held at the White House yesterday, and adjourned after three hours of delib-eration. No statement was given out as to the conclusions reached, and every participant p sitively refused to discuss what had taken place during the meet-ing. The conference was called for yes-terday, sithough it was Sunday, in view of the extraordinary importance to the American people of a speedy solution of the question.

American people of a the the question, Besides the president there were pres-ent at the conference Secretary of War Root, Secretary of the Navy Moody, At torney General Knox, Postmaster Gen eral Payne and Carroll D. Wright trained States commissioner of labor

torney General Knox, Postmaster Gen-eral Payne and Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor. The last named was summoned to at-tend the conference on account of his expert knowledge of the situation in the antiracite coal fields and because of bis personal investigation of the condi-tions there which he made some months ago at the lostance of the president. The president in expressing his views at the outset of the conference, taiked carnestly and showed a deep feeling. Secretary Cortelyou was summoned into the room and directed to prepare cer-tain matters for the consideration of the president and his advisers. This was taken to indicate that some action of one nature or another was about to be consumated. When the conference adjourned a few minutes before i o'clock, those who had joined in t refused to taik. Every member of the cabinet and Colonel Wright, the only outsider who was pres-ent, was pledged to absolute secret y at what had occurred within the con-ference room. In this state of absolute reticence of

this state of absolute reficence of y one of the parties to the confer , it is almost impossible to do more draw the most general of conclu-s as to the nature of the proceed , based upon what preceded the ing. neeting. The known facts are that the presi

The known facts are that the president has reached the conclusion that he has nothing to expect save refusal from a further appeal to the coal operator, and, therefore, has decided to look for relief from a situation which in his view is fast growing intolerable, to the min ers side. He feels that he hardly can expect them to make the sacrifice of al of their contentions without holding ou at least a promise of some return, and the question before him is as to him. h before him is as to hi ty to do this.

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ability to do this. The president can pledge himself to appeal to congress to examine into the justice of the miners' complaints and remedy them so far as lies in the power of the legislative branch, backed by the earnest good will of the executive. Also be can suggest to Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, that he cause the Pennsylvania legislature likewise to make an inquiry, perhaps hastening the usual methods by calling an extra ses-sion. But these pledges would be given only on condition that the men go at once into the mines and get out with all speed the coal for which the people are suffering. That the parties to the conference feel that they have accomplished some-thing is borne out by the expression of the belief that the miners will soon be

feel that they have accomplished some-thing is borne out by the expression of the belief that the miners will soon be again at work.

NDEPENDENT OPERATORS MAY RESUM The Philadelphia Inquirer this morn-ing publishes the following, the truth of which is doubted by the strikers of this vicinity: "There is reason to believe that Joh

\$18.00 to Chicago and Return Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad, on ccount of national encampment of the inion Veteran Legion at Chicago, this ompany will sell tickets at above rate or the round trip, October 5, 6 and 7, ood for return to October 16, and will is honored on any train except the Slack Diamond express. For further particulars consult ticket gents.

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Minnesota's Best Patent Flour A Specialty. EVERY ARTICLE GUARANTEED. N. W. Gor. Gentre and Front Sts., Freeland. Read - the - Tribune.

REELIAND, PA., MONA Mitchell is preparing to deliver a master stroke that is well calculated to carry confusion into the ranks of his enemies, the coal presidents, and, at the same time, to extend to the public a measur-able relief from the pangs of a winter fuel famine. This is nothing more nor less than a resumption of work on the part of the striking coal miners at the independent colleries, whose owners are willing to accede to the demads of the United Mine Workers of America. "These independent operators, prob-ably not more than twenty in number, all told, have notified Mr. Mitchell of their willingness to accede to all the de-mands made by the miners, including increased wages and reduced hours, and have asked that the union authorize the miners to return to work. "It has heretofore been the expressed policy of the executive officers of the United Mine Workers that none of the miners should return to work until all did so, in order that the force of the strikers might not be weakened. John Mitchell is said to have expressed him-self as being personally favorable to per-mitting the miners to work at these collicies where their demands will be granted and to have given assurances that he will submit the matter to his executive board for action. "The president of the miners has more than once shown himself to be a dipiomat of no small calibre. Asid from the humane instincts that natur-ally inpel him to take any action within his power to extend relief to the public, suffering the pangs of a winter coal famine, is the feeling that a display of

his power to extend relief to the public, suffering the pangs of a winter coal famine, is the feeling that a display of magnanimity will do the miners no harm in the estimation of the people. "Aside from that consideration is the fact that a considerable number of miners thus returned to work would relieve the union of financial demands to that extent and at the same time afford it a reliable source of revenue from regulated contributions from the wages of the men at work."

wages of the men at work." LARGE MEETING OF STRIKERS. The strikers of Freeland and vicinity held a mass meeting at the Grand opera house yesterday afternoon and listened to addresses dolivered by District Presi-dent Thomas Duffy, National Board Members P. G. Gallagher and John Fal-lon, District Board Member W. H. Det-trey and an Italian and a Slavonian speaker. C. F. Haganey, of Local 1930, of town, was chairman. The several leaders were listened to attentively by eaders were listened to attentively by the large audience and were generously

leaders were listened to attentively by the large audience and were generously applauded. The address of Mr. Dettrey was very strong and he paid his respects to the Drifton company and some of their offi-clais in words which left no doubt of their meaning, and was enthusiastically cheered when he concluded. Mr. Fallon paid particular attention to the charge circulated by the oper-ators that the employes of Markle & Co. broke their agreement to submit disputed questions to arbitration. The speaker gave a history of the alleged agreement, of which so much has re-cently been heard, and gave abundant proof that the contract was one in which the worker had no volte in mak-ing. Mr. Fallon's remarks cleared away much misunderstanding regarding the Markle agreement and every fair-minded man present was convinced that the contract was a sham and un-worthy of the respect of the misled employes who signed it.

#### SITUATION AT DRIFTON

Mine foremen of Coxe Bros. & Co visited the homes of Drifton mine work ers on Saturday and asked the following

"Will you go to work?"

questions: "Will you go to work?" "Why don't you go to work?" "Are you afraid to go to work?" "Why are you afraid to go to work?" If the mine worker answered "no" to the third question, the fourth was not asked. Each man's name and his re-plies were recorded by a clerk from the mining office. The result of the inter-views cannot be ascertained. A committee from Drifton union fol-lowed the mine foremen and also asked the men if they wanted to return to work. The committee reports that the answers were unanimous for continuing the strike until all are ordered by the union to resume.

the strike until all are ordered by the union to resume. Drifton whistle blew for work on Sat-urday evening for the first time in many months. Three young men of town were added to the small force this morn-ing and operations are being conducted on a small scale at the collery. Four coal and from officers guard each house in Drifton occupied by the family of a non-unionist. The men who are working live behind the stockade.

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Robert Allen, while chopping cord-rood at Girardville with a double bit ax, wood at Girardville with a double bit ax, accidently struck himself in the neck, severing a large blood vessel. He lost so much blood that it is feared he can-not recover.

News and Incidents of the Battle Be-tween Miner and Operator. Locally, the action of the coal road presidents in the Washington confer-encewas not disappointing. The people hereabouts knew what the coal trust directors are capable of doing, and the fact that they carried their arrogance into the presence of the president oc-casioned no surprise to the employes of these men. The contention of the miners that as individuals they have not and cannot expect consideration of their demands from the operators was amply demonstrated when the coal barons made their reply to the president's appeal. With President Roosevelt treated con-temptuously, how can the public expect the miner to receive justice unless back-ed by an organization? In a statement published in a Phila-deiphia paper on Saturday General Gobin, who spent two hours on Friday in a coal company's office near here, said he found necessity for troops at Freeland, Drifton and Upper Lebigh. The solders have not yet arrived, but it is expected they will reach Drifton before the week is out, as the officials there are disappointed by the miners' refusal to prevent the colliery from re-suming and will have some other suming and will have some other trouble-breeding move concocted to ag-gravate the strikers and create an ex-cuse for calling upon the militia. The peepie of Shamokin and Mahanoy City were terrorized on Saturday by and Incidents of the Battle tween Miner and Operator.

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cuse for calling upon the militia. The peeple of Shamokin and Mahanoy City were terrorized on Saturday by gangs of drunken troops from the campa near the towns. On the previous day the soldiers were paid and the general debauch followed as soon as the "tin-nics" got outside their camp. Several were arrested and the remainder were hustled back to their tents by their com-rades. In Shenandoah a riot was at one time imminent, due to the great dis-order caused by the troops, who beat the police officers and flourished their weapons in a menacing manner. The local business men have stood up

weapons in a menacing manner. The local business men have stood up well under the heavy strain to which they have been subjected by the strike They are carrying many hundreds of accounts on their books and are making extraordinary sacrifices to save their credits with the wholesale dealers, in order that they can continue their policy of supplying necessaries to all needy patrons. The action of the Freeland merchants should not be forgotten when work is resumed.

work is resumed. The organs of the coal trust have re-fused to defend the operators any longer. The Philadelphia Press this morning says editorially: "There is unanianity in the public judgment that the spirit and tone of the operators were unfor-tunate. They were not true strength their case has by their manner of presenting it. They were too trucu-ent. They lacked in proper deference to the president. They failed in just recognition of the rights and welfare of the public." John Markie's appeal to the president

the public." John Markle's appeal to the president for Federal troops is regarded by those who know the situation at his firm's col-lieries as ridiculous. His arraignment of the miners' union before the nation's executive is also considered very incon-sistent, coming as it does from the manager of a firm whose officials coun-seled its employes after the 1000 strike to join the organization.

to join the organization. Boys who will work on Drifton break-er are promised positions in Drifton shops after the strike is over. The tempting offer has not succeeded in breaking the ranks of the juniors.

The breaking the ranks of the juniors. The breakry's fuel supply, which is hauled from Harleigh, is now weighed at the feed mill scales on Johnson street, owing to the Smith boycott of the driver of the wagon, Burgess Boyle.

Miners in Drifton collieries who hav breasts filled with coal have been order

breasts filled with coal have been order-ed to report for work at once and load out the coal. Upon their failure to do so the company will have the work done and deduct the expense from the miners' pay. The cut coal lying in those breasts amounts to several thousands of tons.

The Blacky House, a disreputable resort at Duryea, was raided Saturday night by the police, and six members of the Eighth regiment were captured. They were fined \$10 each next morning, after spending the night in the station house.

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No coal has yet been secured by the borough council for the Municipal build ing. Prisoners who are placed in the lockup will have cold quarters. Percy Zerbe, aged 6 years, and Thomas Jones, aged 9 years, school boys of Donaldson, Schuylkill county, were placed under \$300 bail each for taunting Andrew Mutchler, a non-union man, and hurling epithets at him. The warrants were served on the little fel-lows Friday afternoon in the school room. One of the charges preferred against them is that Mutchler was afraid they would do him bodily harm.

## LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

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Foster School Board.

Foster School Board. The regular meeting of the Foster township school board was held Satur-day evening with Directors Weber, Johnson, O'Nell and Dudley present. In the absence of the secretary Director Johnson was elected to act. The supervising principal reported the schools overcrowedd. The seating capacity of all schools is only 1,150, while the enrollment is 1.210. The average attendance is 908 and the per-centage of attendance 80 He also re-ported that some schools were without coal.

ported that some schools were without coal. The secretary was authorized to pur-chase additional seats. He was also in-structed to draw orders in favor of the teachers for \$10 each to enable them to attend county institute. The following bills were ordered paid: Mrs. John Sweeney, cleaning, \$16; Mrs. Ed-ward Cunningham, cleaning, \$16; Mrs. Ed-ward Cunningham, cleaning, \$16; Mrs. Ed-ward Cunningham, cleaning, \$16; J. S. Wentz & Co., supplies, coal, etc., §49.51; Effie Miller, cleaning, \$5; James Brehm, Noor, \$30.40; James Brehm, wood, \$3; Upper Lehigh Supply Co., Ltd., sup-plies, \$1.25; Mrs. Ervin Eunax, clean-ing, \$8; John Fisher, horse hire, \$32.50; W. E. Martin, supplies and repairs, \$134.55; L. H. Lentz, repairs to school buildings, \$329.81.

Fourth District Democrats. The Democratic legislative committee of the Fourth legislative district met at Hazleton Friday evening and perfected an organization by unanimously re-elect-ing Nicholas Keuch, of that city, chair-man, and Joseph Coll, of Ebervale, sec-retary. The members of the committee are as follows: Hazletom-Nicholas Keuch, Con O'Don-nell, D. B. Breihof, P. F. Fallon, L. G. Lubrecht. Hazletom-Nicholas M. Gallagher, Jerry Donovan, Joseph Coll, James Moy, Gharles Konnedy. West Hazletom-Silas Jones. Freeland-John F. Boyle, Frank Mc-

Fourth District Democrats

and NOTARY PUBLIC. oms 1 and 2, Birkbeck Brick, Freeland

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DR. S. S. HESS,

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

out Waste of Words. Edward Nutze, a demented young man of town, was captured this after-noon by Officers O'Donnell and Welsh and Constable Gerod, under instructions from Poor Director Lieb, and will be sent to Retreat asylum. The young man's mother, whose mind is also un-balanced, was taken to Retreat on Sat-urday. There is much sympathy for the afflicted family. At St. Ann's Catholic church on Sun-day next the sacrament of confirmation will be administered by Bishop M. J. Hoban, of Scranton, to a class of nearly 600, all of whom, with a few exceptions, are boys and girls. The confirmation services will take place during a mass which will be read at 7 and 8 a. m. Bernard McFadden, whose work as a

masses will be read at 7 and 8 a.m. Bernard McFadden, whose work as a pitcher in the Western and National leagues was pleasing to his friends, left today to resume his studies at East Stroudsburg normal school. The bans of marriage between Frank H. McGroarty, of South Centre street, and Miss Rose Gillespie, of Main street, were announced for the first time at St. Ann's church vastarday.

DENTIST. OVER BIRKBECK'S STORE, Second Floor, - Birkbeck Brick MRS. S. E. HAYES, Ann's church yesterday.

Were announced for the first time at St. Ann's church yesterday. Theatrical companies are giving coal region towns a wide borth this season. Only those which cannot secure dates elsewhere are playing in the strike belt. C. Sister Uralia, of Scranton convent, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doggett, North Washington street, yesterday. John Shafer will represent the Ep-worth League of town in a convention to be held at Shamokin this week. W. R. Flad and Gustav Mutkos, Freeland, and Con McGeehan, Foster, are serving as jurors this week. Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, of the Hill, are preparing to remove to Bucks county.

REPAIRING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

The Lehigh Valley section forement have had their wages increased \$5 a

nonth. The October meeting of the borough council will be held this evening.

Ice cream-all flavors-at Merkt's.

Edward Rodda, of Hazleton, who Megetieu to send nis children to school, was arraigned before. Alderman Buch-enau and fined \$2 and costs. This is the first arrest under the compulsory edu-cation law in that city.

first arrost under the compulsory edu-cation law in that city. Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison has informed the Democratic county com-mittee that he will speak in Wilkesbarre on November 1. Several othor Demo-cratic orators will accompany him. Judge Pennypacker and his associates on the Republican state ticket will also visit Wilkesbarre, but the date of their coming has not yot been agreed upon. The body of James Fisher, a brake-man on a train that was swopt away with the White Haven bridge by the flood of last March, has been found on the edge of the river near Mauch Chunk. The body was in a fairly well preserved condition, but of the head nothing remained but the scalp. The remains were sent to his home in Par-sona.

sons. After being mourned as dead for twelve years, Patrick Kennedy, a for-mer Hazle township school teacher, has reported as alive and well at Pueblo, Col. He resolved to leave this region and never return until he could do so a rich man. He is prosperous now and he writes to his mother for the first time that he is the sense. He will soon and never return until the could do so a rich man. He is prosperous now and he writes to his mother for the first time since he left her home. He will soon visit her. The temporary injunction restraining

The temporary injunction restraining Columbia county commissioners from disposing of bonds amounting to \$90,000 has been dissolved by the court. The injunction was asked for on the ground that the bonds were worth a premium and that the tappayers were being de-frauded. The court says the commis-sioners were not obliged to offer the bonds to the highest bidder. Real estate valued at half a million

West Hazleton-Silas Jones. Freeland-John F. Boyle, Frank Mc-Laughlin, James M. Gallagher. Foster township-John J. McNelis, John Brogan, M. P. Campbell. The Wilkesbarre conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania will hold its semi-annual fall convention in Christ Lutheran church, Conyngham, beginning on Mon-day evening, October 13, and continuing for three days.