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## MITCHELL CALLS ON ROOSEVELT

### Proposition of the Operators Is Being Discussed.

### Restriction in Selecting Only Men of Certain Classes as Arbitrators Rouses Opposition of the Miners.

President Mitchell is in Washington, where he is holding a conference with President Roosevelt.

The subject under discussion is the proposition advanced by the operators for a settlement of the strike.

Up to 3:15 o'clock this afternoon no news concerning today's conference had been given to the public.

Mr. Mitchell left Wilkesbarre at 3 o'clock this morning and arrived at the capital at 11 o'clock.

While en route and upon reaching Washington he was besieged by newspaper men for an expression of opinion on the operators' proposition, but refused to answer any questions bearing upon the subject.

Shortly after his arrival in Washington he called upon the president. Whether he went to the White House at the invitation of the nation's executive or upon his own volition could not be learned, though it is believed the conference was held at the request of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Mitchell and the district presidents held a lengthy meeting at Wilkesbarre last night. When it ended, at midnight, he began his preparations for his trip to the capital.

The three district presidents are in Wilkesbarre today, but not an intimation of any kind regarding their attitude toward the settlement plan can be obtained.

#### SYNOPSIS OF OPERATORS' OFFER.

The statement presented late Monday night to President Roosevelt by the representatives of the operators embodies a long array of alleged "facts" relating to the membership of the United Mine Workers and the allegation that the organization is controlled by workers in the bituminous fields. It is claimed that the wages paid by the coal companies are fair and all that can be paid to give a reasonable return for the capital invested in the industry. Several concerns, the statement alleges, have become bankrupt, while many others have never paid dividends.

The operators say they are willing to submit all questions between them and their workmen to any fair tribunal for decision, but that they are not willing to enter into arbitration with the mine workers' union, because it is an organization chiefly composed of men in a rival and competitive interest.

Realizing the urgent need of an adequate supply of anthracite coal for the approaching winter, and that a practical conclusion may be reached which will result in supplying this need, the presidents of the companies make the following offer:

"We suggest a commission to be appointed by the president of the United States. If he is willing to perform that public service, to whom shall be referred all questions at issue between the respective companies and their own employes, whether they belong to a union or not, and the decision of that commission shall be accepted by us, the commission to be constituted as follows:

"First—An officer in the engineer corps of either the military or naval service of the United States.

"Second—An expert mining engineer experienced in the mining of coal and other minerals and not in any way connected with coal mining properties, either anthracite or bituminous.

"Third—One of the judges of the United States courts of the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

"Fourth—A man of prominence, eminent as a sociologist.

"Fifth—A man who by active participation in mining and selling coal is familiar with the physical and commercial features of the business.

"It being the understanding that immediately upon the constitution of such commission, in order that idleness and non-production may cease instantly, the miners will return to work and cease all interference with and persecution of any non-union men who are working or shall hereafter work. The findings of this commission shall fix the date when the same shall be effective and shall govern the conditions of employment between the respective companies and their employes for a term of at least three years."

The statement is signed by George F. Baer, president Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, Temple

Iron Company; E. B. Thomas, chairman Pennsylvania Coal Company, Hillside Coal and Iron Company; W. H. Truesdale, president Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company; T. P. Fowler, president Scranton Coal Company, Elk Hill Coal and Iron Company; R. M. Olyphant, president Delaware and Hudson Company; Alfred Walters, president Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

#### HOW PROPOSITION IS RECEIVED.

President Mitchell last night issued the following statement:

"I fully appreciate with what anxiety the people of our country are awaiting the end of the coal strike. The coal operators have not addressed the miner's union or its officers in making their public statement. It is therefore impossible for me to state the attitude of the miners at this time. I am now, as I always have been, deeply solicitous for the interests of the public and the welfare of the mine workers who have been on strike for the past five months. A formal statement defining our position and intentions will be issued just as soon as we are in possession of the full meaning of the proposition of the operators."

Among the strikers there is much opposition to the proposal of the operators. They consider it more a plan of dictation than arbitration. When President Mitchell proposed to President Roosevelt that the miners were willing to submit all their differences to arbitration he did not define the classes and the professions of the men to compose it, and the strikers generally denounce the clauses classifying these men.

Three clauses were objected to. They are:

The operators' proposal to have men of certain specified professions appointed arbitrators instead of allowing President Roosevelt to choose them without dictation.

The clause declaring that the finding of the commission shall be in force for three years. The strikers approve allowing the commission to fix the time.

That the finding be operative from the day the miners return to work, instead of the operators' proposal to have the commission fix the time for its beginning.

From Washington it is announced that the terms proposed by the operators are regarded as insolent in tone and manifest a spirit of opposition to the mine workers which might well afford the latter ground for suspicion. But for all this they have placed their case in the hands of the president, and the president expects the mine workers to place their confidence in him.

There is a strong intimation at the capital that the operators will not insist upon defining the character of the commission if it obstructs the way to a settlement. If President Mitchell and the Mine Workers accept the proposition of the operators, the president will announce the commission as soon as he can obtain the acceptance of the men selected.

#### MARKLE REFUSED TO SURRENDER.

All the anthracite presidents were in New York City yesterday. They and the whole business community are waiting to see what President Mitchell will do. The operators feel that they were compelled to bow to the gathering storm of public opinion, and some are sore and angry. On the other hand, they think their proposition has shaped a situation which had become untenable for them in a way which puts Mitchell and the United Mine Workers at a disadvantage.

It was learned that John Markle positively refused to agree to the proposition. The club of corporation interests raised by J. Pierpont Morgan over the heads of objecting presidents could not be used with effect on Markle, and he stubbornly declined to sign the paper. When asked why he did not stand with his associates Mr. Markle said:

"I have nothing to say. I don't think, so ask me no questions."

#### Married This Morning.

Frank H. McGroarty and Miss Rose Gillespie were united in marriage at 8:30 o'clock this morning at St. Ann's Catholic church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. J. Fallbee. John McGroarty, a brother of groom, was groomsmen, and Miss Rose McNellis, of Wilkesbarre, a niece of the bride, was bridesmaid. St. Ann's band, of which Mr. McGroarty has been a member for many years, rendered the wedding march. The ceremony was witnessed by many friends of the contracting parties, and at its conclusion the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's mother on Main street, where they received the congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of friends.

At 11:41 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. McGroarty departed on a Lehigh Valley train for Niagara Falls. They will spend a week visiting points of interest in that section of the country, and upon their return will make their home on Main street.

## ROUND THE REGION.

In the United States district court, in session at Pittsburg, a verdict has been returned in the case of Charles W. Tammany, Jacob Green and Joseph Rubinsky, all of Wilkesbarre, charging them with fraudulently using the mails. Tammany and Green were convicted on the four counts and Rubinsky was acquitted. Goods were secured on credit from various wholesale houses and on their arrival were sold without payment being made. The using of the mails for obtaining the goods was the basis of the charge.

The coroner's jury in the case of William Durham, who was shot and killed by Arthur Wadsworth, of the Eighteenth regiment, returned the following verdict: "We find that William Durham came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by Arthur Wadsworth, and from the evidence before us and an examination of the premises we believe the shooting was hasty and unjustifiable, and we recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of the district attorney for investigation."

Charley Remington, aged 4 years, was abducted twice in one day. His father, J. C. Remington, has been living in the West. The father arrived in Wilkesbarre yesterday, and going to his wife's home, took the little son away. The police got the husband and wife together, apparently on friendly terms, and later Remington took the child again, and escaped on board a train for the West.

Fusion between the Democrats and Unionists of Schuylkill county was completed yesterday. The Democratic convention of the Fourth legislative district was held and Robert A. Reid, of Pottsville, was nominated. Reid was nominated by the Unionists some time ago, and Paul Lengle, of Pine Grove, withdrew from the Democratic ticket in order to make place for Reid.

Mrs. John White, a Polish woman, was crushed to death under a heavy fall of coal while mining in a breach back of Mahanoy City yesterday afternoon. She burrowed too deeply with her pick and shovel, causing the top to weaken and collapse, burying her alive. She leaves a large family.

William E. Myers, aged about 40 years, a former resident of Conyngham, and a flagman in the employ of the Erie Railroad, was injured near Starway, this state, on Thursday evening and died in Port Jervis. The remains were taken to his sister's home in Tamaqua.

Judge Wheaton in an opinion has decided that Alvin Holmes, of West Pittsburg, must either pay his taxes or remain in jail. Holmes was sent up some days ago, and is trying to get out under the insolvency act. He must pay up or remain a prisoner.

Mayor Lewis, of Allentown, gave a hearing to Lloyd Schiffler, a nine-year-old boy, who, it is charged, yesterday broke into a grocery store, but was caught. Young Schiffler may be sent to a reformatory.

Daniel Ryan and James Duffy, who robbed a Mauch Chunk shoe store two weeks ago and were captured with the goods in their possession, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to three years in the Eastern penitentiary.

Notwithstanding the fact that the strike may soon be ended, many families continue their preparations to leave the coal region. This is principally due to the fact that the male members have secured profitable positions elsewhere.

#### Operators' Claims Disproved.

The Philadelphia Press this morning contains the following:

"To ascertain the exact conditions prevailing today throughout the region most directly affected by the anthracite coal strike, the Press has gathered through its representatives facts and figures that tell the story without prejudice and more clearly indicate the situation than could be done in any other way.

"The facts brought out are: The number of collieries in each district, and the number now in operation; the total number of men employed today, in contrast with those at work in normal times, and the influence of the presence of the troops in bringing more miners into the mines.

"A summary of all the despatches received shows that, throughout the entire strike region, about 3,000 men and boys are at work, against a normal total of 147,000, about 1,000 having returned to the mines since the militia arrived on the scene.

"Where a daily average output was safely placed at 240,000 tons, 30,000 a day is now an optimistic figure. Five hundred coal and iron police are usually on duty where there are now 4,800."

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## LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

### Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

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

In the supreme court this week in the case of Guckavan vs. Lehigh Traction Company the decision of the Luzerne court was confirmed. This suit was the outcome of a traction car running off the track near Harleigh, in which Mrs. Guckavan, of Milnesville, claims she was jolted from the car and injured. She was awarded \$3,000 damages and her husband \$1,000 for the loss of her services.

William O'Donnell, of Montana, who has been the guest of his cousin, Anthony Gallagher, Washington street, for two weeks, left today for New York City and on Saturday will sail for Ireland, where he will spend several months visiting friends and scenes of his youth.

The nineteenth semi-annual convention of the Wilkesbarre conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, being held at Conyngham, is attended by thirty-five Lutheran ministers. Rev. J. J. Kuntz, pastor of St. Luke's church, is among those present.

A military dummy placed on top of No. 2 bank, Upper Lehigh, gave those who pick coal there a scare on Monday. The figure was well gotten up and with an imitation gun which pointed towards the pickers it kept the bank clear for several hours until the fraud was discovered.

James Creelman, one of the most noted newspaper writers in the country, is spending this week in this region. In addition, there are between twenty-five and thirty other men and women in the Lehigh field preparing special matter for newspapers and magazines.

Morgan DeFoy is filling an engagement this week with Allentown band, which is furnishing music for the Veteran Firemen's Association, of Philadelphia. The latter organization is on its annual outing and is visiting Canada and cities in New York state.

Reserved seat tickets for the first entertainment of the M. & M. course of 1902-03 are now on sale at McMenamin's store. The attraction is May Parker and the Little Pickaninnies, who appear here on Saturday evening.

Weatherly brick works were sold at sheriff's sale yesterday to Miss Sallie J. Keigel, of Lehigh, for \$1,800. In addition to this she holds a mortgage against the premises of \$2,000.

The advance in the retail price of milk sold in Freeland and vicinity to 8 cents per quart, official notice of which was given in Monday's Tribune, went into effect this morning.

The hunting season opened this morning and many of the idle sportsmen took advantage of the good weather. Rabbits are not permitted to be killed before November 1.

Deputy Factory Inspector Jonathan W. Davis is making his semi-annual visit to the lower end establishments over which he has jurisdiction.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merk's.

Friday next, which has been designated Governor Stone as Arbor Day, will be observed by such in many schools throughout the state.

A small black and tan dog was found astray on Main street yesterday. The owner can recover property by calling at the Tribune office.

Mrs. Ann McGill and son, John, and Miss Maggie Burke, of Wilkesbarre, attended the McGroarty-Gillespie wedding here today.

Mrs. Daniel Furey is suffering from a broken arm received while performing household work at her home on South Ridge street.

Misses Lizzie Kelley and Annie Shovlin, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents on South Washington street.

Misses Alberta Soder and Lina Vanauker entered Dickinson seminary, Williamsport, this week.

Sister Justine, of Scranton, spent a part of this week with her parents, Mr. Mrs. Patrick Duffy, Upper Lehigh.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keck was buried at Freeland cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Herbert Smith has entered Philadelphia Dental college.

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## President George F. Baer.

At the annual meeting of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, held at Philadelphia on Monday, President George F. Baer was re-elected. The same officer was given re-election in the Philadelphia and Reading Terminal Railroad Company, the Philadelphia and Frankford Railroad, the Schuylkill and Lehigh Railroad, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburg Railroad, Reading, Marietta and Hanover Railroad, Tamaqua, Hazleton and Northern Railroad, Philadelphia, Newton and New York Railroad, Dauphin and Berks Railroad, Slatington Railroad and Rupert and Bloomsburg Railroad.

The annual meeting of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company resulted in the re-election of George F. Baer as president. The subsidiary coal companies represented re-elected the same officer. These companies were the Fulton Coal Company, Locust Gap Improvement Company, Tremont Coal Company, Mammoth Vein Coal and Iron Company, Preston Coal and Iron Company, Improvement Company and Delaware Coal Company.

## Yawcob and His Dog.

From an Exchange.  
And Yawcob, observing his dog Schntzel, spake unto him as follows: "You vas only a tog, but I wish I vas you. Ven you got mit your bed in you shust don round dree dimes and lay down. Ven I got mit my bed in, I haf to lock up der place and vind up der clock and pud der eat out undtress myself, und my vrow vakes up und scolds, den der palk vakes up und cries und I haf to vaky him mit der house around, den maybe ven I gets myself to bed it is dime to get up vonce more again. Ven you gets up mit your bed you shust stretch yourself, dig your neck a leedle und you vas up. I haf to light der fire und put un der kettle, scrap some mit my vite arety und git myself breakfast. You play mit der day all round und haf plenties of fun. I haf to vork all der day round und haf plenties of drubbe. Ven you die, you vas dead. Ven I die I haf to go to hell yet."

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