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# HALF A MILLION MINERSTOSTRIKE

Coal Mines of Whole Nation to Suspend.

### SCALE CONFERENCE DISAGREES

Many Operators of the Central District May Yield.

APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

Operators Who Refuse Advance Ask Him to Appoint Commission to Investigate-Anthracite Mines Will Suspend Also.

MINERS AFFECTED BY STRIKE.

Bituminous Districts.	
Pennsylvania	
Maryland 5.000	
West Virginia 25,000	
Virginia	
UBSs 40,000	
Indiana	
Hitness 53,000	
Inwa 14,000	
Michigan 3,500	
Kentucky 4,000	
Southwestern States 10,000-	-251,500
Anthracite Districts.	
Pennsylvania	150,000
Total	534,560

Of the bituminous coal miners, 120,-

o are unorganized.

meetings of the bltuminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, composed of Western Pennsyl vania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and of the Southwestern district, composed of Missouri, Kansus, Texas, Arkamas, Ok-Ishems and Indian Territory, reached a final disagreement today on the wage scale to go into effect at the expiration of the present scale on April 1, and the conference of the central district adjourned sine die, while the joint scale dittes of the Southwestern district secided to report a disagreement to the Solut conference of that district tomorrow it is expected that this conference will at once adjourn sine die without an

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The action of the two conferences will directly cause the suspension of work after Saturday by 178,000 minors unless something unforcescen like submission of the differences to arbitration should intervene, and indirectly who affect 26,500 more minors in the antifractic field, who were tonight ordered to suspend work Monday. A National convention of the minors will be held tomorrow, to decide whether minors will be allowed to sign the advance scale demanded and today refused by all operators with a few exceptions and in go to work where the advance in mages at this time, ceptions, and to go to work where the advance is offered. Operators employing 55.600 miners in the central competitive field have openly offered to pay the advance during the joint conference ses-

The wage scales of all miners, both an thracite and bituminous, will expire Saturday, except those in Tennessee and Alabama, where the scale will expire in September One National official of the United Mineworkers said tonight:

'It is a foregone conclusion that all the miners whose scales expire Saturday the meeting, and C. L. Scriggs, of Illiwill cease work until officially notified by the National and district officers that new contract arrangements have been made governing their scale."

### All Districts Follow Suit.

All districts have in the past based their settlements on the results in the central empetitive field. The situation in the other districts is as follows The Iowa district has always awaited

the action of the central field before sign-IIIg. Its settlement has been postponed awaiting the action taken today The Michigan district is usually gov

erned by the central field's action and has awaited the result of this meeting. The West Virginia state convention is

in aession, awalting the outcome of this conference The Kentucky Operators' Association has representatives endeavoring to get

Mr. Mitchell's consent to hold its joint convention with a view to negotiating a settlement without any reference to basis. The consent has not been given, Central Pennsylvania is governed

largely by the central competitive district and orders have been given to cease work Saturday night, pending a settle-

The Southwestern district has heretofore followed the central district, as it did today in failing to agree upon a

### End of Ten Days' Struggle.

The disagreement came ofter a struggle lasting ten days and only disrupts the interstate agreement which has existed since 1898 between the operators and miners, through which wage scales and other differences have been adjusted, but it affects 534,500 bituminous and anthracite coalminers who will suspend work after Saturday unless something anticipated or foreseen intervenes

The final vote on the conference he central competitive field, on which other districts base their settlements, spon a motion offered by President shell, of the United Mineworkers, to dopt the wage scale of 1900, which would

diana and Ohio voted against the proporuption of the conference followed. Opcrators of Western Pennsylvania and the miners of the Western States voted for

#### Break in Operators' Ranks.

F. L. Robbins and other operators, reprepresenting about one-third of the coal production of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Ilinois, offered to pay the advance and urged the miners to ccept this advance and continue work in their mines, even though the other mines in the four states should be idle. The convention which opens tomorrow will take action upon this situation, to decide whether to permit this or demand that all miners suspend work until all have been paid the advance.

A session of the miners' convention today formally endorsed the demand for the 1966 scale, and the miners cast their inal vote in joint conference for this femand as their ultimatum. The Illinois, Indiana and Ohio operators adhered to their position not to pay any

#### Much Feeling in Debate.

The debate today was marked by coniderable feeling. One of the dramatic events was a dispute betwen Mr. Mitchell and Clarence Parker, president of the Madison Coal Company, which terminated after a misunderstanding had been explained by A. L. Ryan, secretary of the Illinois miners' organization, Mr. Mitchell discussed at length the alleged evils resulting from railroad ownership of coal mines

One of the earnest pleas to the operators to pay the advance in wages was made by D. C. Thomas, general manager of the New England Coal Company, who urged that even a loss of profit was better from a business standpoint than

### Railroad Ownership of Mines.

During his argument against railroad wnership of coal mines, Mr. Mitchell

said:

I desire to take up for consideration, not personally but officially, what I believe is a subject pertinent to the determination of this great question—the relationship between the coal companies and certain railroads. It is matteriess to me and it is matteriess for me and it is matteries in the propis of America, whether Mr. Parker is president of the Madison Coal Company and the purchasing agent of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, or whether some other man may hold those dual positions. But it is important to the people involved what that relationship is.

stock of the Sunday Creek Coal Company was owned by the Hocking Valley Railroad Company and, if the stock of the Sunday Creek Con! Company is owned by the Hock bg Valley Railroad Company, then it means till have large varnings on their railroad

F. L. Robbins said: "I may say the bility for low prices today is due omnanies than to their desire to have coal transported at prices that would not otherwise be made, and we have to meet Tories Call Government to Account that competition."

### Operators Appeal to Roos velt

The coal operators of Illinois, Indiana, Oblo and those of Western Pennsylvania. who have opposed in the joint conference the payment of any increase in wages to the miners, met tonight at the Claypool Hotel and at a late hour made public the following resolutions, which were adopted

invoired, who have reit and still reel quable to pay any advance in wages at this time, do hereby propose that the President of the United States appoint a commission to investigate all matters which in the judgment of the commission have at importable hearing upon our relation to the scale of wages which should be paid all clauses of labor in and about the coal mines of the territory. and about the coal mines of the territor herein involved and other conditions now in posed and insisted upon by the United Mine workers of America, such commission to re-port to the Prosident of the United States its findings of facts, together with its rec-numentations; she it further. Besolved, That such commission have power to administer oaths and compel at-tendance of witnesses.

J. H. Winder, of Ohio, was chairman of nois, was secretary. A standing committee of two operators from each of the four states, of which J. H. Winder is chairman, was appointed. The resolutions

in full were telegraphed to President

At the miners' convention today a delegate asked how the scale of 1900 if adopted, would affect Illimois, so far as the shotfirers' law was concerned. President standing that the miners would not waive (Concluded on Page 5.)

#### P......... ELEMENT OF DISCORD IN UNITED MINEWORKERS.



T. L. Lewis, vice-president of the United Mineworkers of America te not is sympathy with the plans of John Mitchell, and has become an element of discord in the Indianapolfs convention.

# RACE QUESTION UP IN SOUTH AFRICA

Natal Boils With Anger at Interference of Home Government.

### CABINET GIVES UP OFFICE

Protest Against Elgin's Postpo ment of Execution of Native Murderers of Inspector Arouses White People.

LONDON, March 30,-The new governcent is finding continual trouble in his dealings with South Africa. By intervening to delay the execution of 12 native convicted of having been concerned in the ambush and massacre of Police Inspector Hunt in the recent native rising in Natal. which has been attributed to the Ethioplan movement, the imperial authoritie have evoked an admittedly grave and delicate crisis, which will require the most careful handling.

Dispatches from the South African colonies show that the colonists are bolling with indignation and calling meetings to protest against a procedure which they regard as being calculated to endanger the safety of the whole white population, Fuel has been added to the fire, apparently, by the unjustified importation of Under Colonial Secretary Churchill's name into the affair, for which the Earl of Elgin, Colonial Secretary, assumes full re sponsibility.

The Conservative papers are loud in de nunciation of the government's action. In justification of the government's unusual course, it is pointed out that two natives already have been executed for the same crime, that the colony is under martial law and that imperial troops have been invoked to assist in suppressing the rising. The Liberal papers contend that Lord Elgin had full constitutional right to exercise a veto and assume that he will be able to give satisfactory reasons for his course.

HOT NIGHT IN PARLIAMENT

# for Meddling With Natal.

LONDON, March 20 .- (Special.) -The House of Commons was in session until long after midnight and more turbulent scenes were witnessed than have taken place in the chamber since the fall of the Balfour Ministry. Questions were put in both houses on the Natal crisis.

In the House of Lords Lord Elgin, the Colonial Secretary, replying to Lord Lansdowne, confirmed the suspension of executions, but said he had no further information to impart. He added that there was no possible intention of interfering with the selfgovernment of the colony, but that the execution of 12 men under sentence by a court martial was a serious matter.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Akers-Douglas (Conservative), Winston Churchill, Under Colonia Secretary, said it was Lord Eigin and not himself who had postponed the executions. The government had no intention of standing between the prisoners and their punishment. The government was in full sympathy Natal at its time of anxiety and did not apprehend that any serious or constitutional issue would be raised.

The opposition denounced the present attitude of the government toward colonial affairs and openly declared that the outcome would be a feeling of bitterness which might yet lead to secession. The house finally adjourned

NATAL ASSERTS HER RIGHTS

#### Cabinet Resigns Because Home Government Overrules Decision.

DURBAN, Natal, March 29.-The official statement announcing the resignation of Mitchell replied that it was his under- the Natal Cabinet points out that the court-martial which imposed the death sentence on 12 natives who took part in the murder of policemen during the re cent uprising in the colony, was composed of five militia officers; that the prisoners were legally represented; that the sentences were confirmd by the governmnt and that the Colonia) Office was notified, whereupon the Earl of Elgin, Secretary

> the Governor to postpone the execution. The statement concluded:
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> In view of the importance of the maintenance of authority at the present critical juncture and the constitutional question involved by the interference of the Secretary of the State with the decision of the executive council, which is responsible to the colony, the Ministry has been compelled to resign. At the request of the Governor, however, they are retaining office, pending further communication with Lord Elgin.

for the Colonies, telegraphed instructing

WAVE OF INDIGNATION RISES

### Natal Talks of Uniting Colonies on Home Rule.

DURBAN, March M .- (Special.) - A storm of indignation is sweeping throughout Natal against the government, owing to its having postponed the execution of 12 natives who were under sentence of death for the murder of policemen. The action of the government is regarded as unwarranted and it is predicted that Cape Colony and the Transvaal will support the press of Natal in its attack on the home government.

Russia Still Menace to India. CALCUTTA, March 29.-A denunciat by native members of the Viceroy's Coun-cil today, during discussion of the budge

of the enormous military expenditure de-manded by Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief of the British farce in India, which the speakers declared to be un-necessary, "now that the atrength of Rus-

necessary. "now that the atrength of Russia is broken," drew a warning reply from the Earl of Minto, the Viceroy, who said he hoped India would never be deceived into false security. He added; "I cannot agree that Russia's reverses have minimized the danger on the frontier for all time. I am afraid that we shall be much more impelied to consider the effect those reverses will have on the pride of a high spirited race. In time Russia will feel competent to recover her lost prestige and the price now paid for our army is a premium for the insurance of India."

MUST PAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Britain Asks China for Money and Another Open Port.

LONDON, March 30.-The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that the British government will claim as indemnity for the Nanchang murder 5000 taels and the opening of the port of Wucheng Chi.

#### Crisis Narrowly Averted.

BERLIN, March 28 - (Special.)-While the German press is denying the rumors that the Kaiser and Chancellor you Bue-low had quarreled, it is semi-officially reported that a crisis was narrowly averted by the fact that the bill creating an inndent colonial ministry was passed by

BERLIN, March 29.-Cancellor Buelow, during a speech in the Reichstag on the necessity for separating the colonial from the foreign policy by creating a secretaryship of the colonies, said: "The rumors of a 'Chancellor crisis,' of which you have heard, are just as foolish

#### as those imputing personal motives to the parties in this House." French Miners Ask Conference.

LENS, France, March 29.-The miner congress, in consequence of the referen-dum vote having decided that the strike shall continue, has demanded a further shall continue, has demanded a further interview with the representatives of the companies relative to concess

# JUDGE HARLAN TO RESIGN

OFFERS AID IN UNITING PRES-BYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Willing to Resign Place on Suprem Bench to Work for Washing-

ton Consolidation.

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- The Post t norrow will say that Associate Justice John M. Harian, of the Supreme Court of the United States announced to the officials of the New York Avenue and Assembly Presbyterian Churches Wednes day night that, if the latter would con solidate with the former, the Assembly Church giving \$55,000 from the sale of its solidated churches, he would resign his position on the Supreme bench to take personal charge of the work and see that

Tonight the congregation of the Assenbly Church adopted a resolution for union with the New York Avenue Church, with the provision of \$25,000 to be used for the new church.

Justice Harlan has for years been vi tally interested in the work and progress of the Presbyterian Church in Washing ton and he has had in mind the building of a large cathedral in the southwest sec tion of the city.

# THUGS MOBBED IN CHICAGO

Assailants of Schoolgiris Rescued With Difficulty by Police.

CHICAGO, March 25 .- (Special.)-Two en were mobbed today, when charged with attacks on schoolgirls that have cre-ated a reign of terror among the children of South Chicago. They narrowly e caped with their lives, when a detail of officers from the South Chicago police station fought off their assailants and drew them within the sheltering enclosure of the Illinois Steel Company's plant Two thousand persons bestered the cers and their prisoners until reinforce ments arrived.

#### \* ANOTHER MEMBER OF TAFT PARTY WILL MARRY.



The marriage of Miss Mignon Critten, of New York, and Swanger Sherley, of Kentucky, will take place at the home of the bride on April 17. In this announcement the romance lies in the fact that both Miss Critten and Mr. Sherley took part in the trip which brought about the engage-ment of Congressman Nicholas Long-worth and Miss Alice Roosevelt. hose marriage took place last

Miss Critten, who is an intimate friend of Mrs. Longworth, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. De Frees Critten, who have a beautiful home at Grymes Hill, Staten Island,

# CONTESTED TITLE TO BANTAM EGG

Problem Almost Works Up the Community to Shotgun Campaign.

## WAS LAID IN WRONG BARN

Fancier of Bantams Says He Owns All Their Progeny, but Owner of Barn Claims All Eggs on His Premises.

DANVILLE, III., March 28.-(Special.)-Who is the lawful possessor of an egg and its posterity-the man who owns the hen or the man who owns the barn which the proud fowl selected as a site for the great event? This is a problem which is causing the jurists of Danville to moult their hair in perplexity and working up the entire community to a shotgun campaign pitch

#### Strange Exhibits in Court.

Sensational features marked the hear ng of the case. The "corpus delicti" o the chick that was hatched from the egg that was laid by the hen that chose the wrong barn, stark and unsightly after being interred for days, was presented for identification. A pair of bantam game chickens, rooster and hen, was introduced as "exhibits A and B." Noth ing was then lacking to complete the chain of testimony except the original egg, but lo, a judicial miracle came to pass, and in open court the cackling her laid another egg, exactly like the one which had caused the litigation. It was seized upon and marked "exhibit C."

#### Sins of Vagrant Hen.

"Sid" Bates, of Batestown, was the defendant and Charles McDaniels, of the same community, the complainant. The stories told by the various witnesses developed the facts that Bates had imported a setting of bantam eggs from Carolina three years ago and had been peacefully engaged in the business of raising bantams ever since, until one of his hens wandered affeld and made a nest in an alien barn. Bates did not know of this contretemps, for the mother hen came safely back to roost until the next season, when he observed a lusty bantan scratching for worms in McDaniel's vard. Being the only owner of bantams in the present property as a nucleus for a fund vicinity, he became convinced that Mc to build a new building for the two con- Daniels had poached upon his preserves.

> Murder of Lusty Bantam. Accordingly, Bates gave chase to the innocent bird, ran it to earth and wrung its neck, resolved that McDaniels should not establish an opposition bantam farm

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He offered the corpse to a neighbor, bu it was declined with thanks, so he buried It deep and did not mark its grave. Whe McDaniels discovered that Bates had murdered the foundling, he brought suit

against him.

Justice Hall was unable to solve the riddle, but held Bates to the grand jury under a bond of \$50. Whereupon Bates swore out a warrant 'for McDaniels' father-in-law, charging him with keeping a red bird in a cage, which is an infringement of the state laws. The entire country is hoping that the feud will not graduate from ornithological reprisals to

### BRISTOL'S NAME SENT IN

Heney Expects Confirmation Unless Fulton Should Object.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March. 29 .- The President today sent to the Senate the name of W. C. Bristol as District Attorney for Oregon. Until the arrival here of Special Counsel F. J. Heney, it was looked upon as a foregone conclusion that Mr. Bristol would not be reappointed, but, at the urgent solicitation of Mr. Heney, the President decided to give Mr. Bristol another chance, and on Tuesday he made it a semi-Cabinet affair and consulted Sec-retaries Root, Taft, Bonaparte, Metcalf, Solicitor-General Hoyt, Senator Knox and Mr. Heney. After a long conference, i was decided that the charges against Mr. Bristol did not justify his retirement from the public service, and that he should be

Mr. Heney, who is looking after Mr Bristol's interests, is of the opinion that he will be confirmed without delay, unless Senator Fulton should interpose objection.

### SAVE LIFE ON PACIFIC COAST

mittee to Hear Murray. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 3.-The Senate today took another step in carrying out the recommendations of the Valencia commission by passing Senator Piles' bill authorizing the establishment of three life-saving stations along the Washington coast between Gray's Harbor and Cape Flattery.

Senate Passes Tug Bill-House Com-

The relief measures advocated by the commission are moving slowly in the House, however. Representative Humphrey is trying to push the bill providing for a life-saving tug through the committee on interstate commerce, and has been promised the co-operation of the Department of Commerce. Assistant Secretary Murray will go before the com-mittee and tell about the conditions along the North Pacific Coast and the urgent necessity of having this tug available to save lives when further disasters occur.

Game Preserve in Olympics. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 28 .- A bill providing for the establishment of a game preserve in the Olympic forest reserve has been favorably reported to the House.

Mr. Cushman's bill providing for the reappraisal of lots in the townsite of Port Angeles has been reported favorably,

# PATTISON GROWS WORSE

Governor Becomes Restless, but Doctors Disclaim Alarm.

COLUMBUS, O. March 28-Governor Pattison's condition took an unfavorable turn tonight, but it is not regarded as alarming. The physicians issued the fol-lowing bulletin at 10:30 o'clock tonight; "Governor Pattison is not quite so well tonight. During the latter part of the less. Temperature normal; pulse 96; res-

# DEPUTIES SHOOT CRIPPLE

Gallant Feat of Posse Pursuing Wickliffes Arouses Cherokees.

MUSKOGEE, L. T., March 29.-A posse of Deputy Marshals hunting the trio of Wickliffe Indian outlaws in the Cherokee Nation has shot a crippled boy and cap-tured the latter's uncle, Wassart Ballridge, suspected of sympathizing with the Wickliffes, according to an Indian who arrived here today from the hills. The officers rushed Baliridge's house. The boy ran and was shot through the abdomen. The shooting is said to have aroused the fullblood Cherokee Indians.

# PRIZEFIGHT PROVES FATAL

Wyer Dies Within Hour After Referee Stops Bout.

TORONTO, Ont., March 28.-Shenston Wyer, of Manchester, England, one of the contestants in the bantam (106 pounds) class, at the boxing tournament here tonight, showed signs of collapse in his bout with Robert Laugher, and the referee stopped the fight. Wyer was removed to a hospital, where he died an hour later.

#### PORTO RICO'S DELEGATE TO CONGRESS.



Senor Larrinage, who represents the Island of Porto Rice in Con-gress, has been named as one of this

country's espresentatives at the Pan-American conference.

# SOLUTION FOUND OF RATE PROBLEM

Friends of Bill Provide for Review.

# EMBODIES ROOSEVELT'S IDEA

Amendment Carefully Limits Power of Court.

# DECISION MUST BE PROMPT

Popular Leaders on Both Sides in Senate Agree on Plan to Block Railroad Senators' Designs Against Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- (Special.)-It is being practically assured that a majority of the Senate favors some affirmative declaration of the court review principle in order to remove all doubt as to the constitutionality of a rate regulation act; the friends of the Hepburn-Dolliver bill are bestirring them selves to frame and present an amendment that will meet the necessities of

the situation Persons who had a prominent part in drafting the bill passed by the House and reported by the Senate committee on interstate commerce have drawn a tentative court review amendment, which now is under consideration by Senator Dolliver and other friends of the legislation, both Republicans and Democrats. The object, it is declared, is to place the amending of the bill in this most important particular directly in the hands of its friends, and circumvent the purpose of those whose intention has been and is to corporate in the measure a provision that will vest in the courts the power and charge them with the duty

# of revising the judgment of the Inter-state Commerce Commission.

Text of Amendment.

The tentative amendment follows in "Any party to a proceeding before the the commission, other than for the payment of money, shall be directed, may at any time bring and maintain a suit In equity against the commission as defendant in the Circuit Court of the United States for the district in which the principal operating office of the party plaint. iff is situated for in case of joint parties plaintiff, in the district in which the principal operating office of either is situated) to enjoin, set aside, annul or suspend such order upon the ground that, in making such order, the commission exceeded its jurisdiction or that such order does or would deprive such party of any

#### the United States, and not otherwise, Law's Delays Forbidden.

right guaranteed by the Constitution of

"The said court shall proceed to hear and determine the matter speedily. "For all purposes of such suit, the court shall be deemed to be always in session. In such court the case shall be given precedence over all others.

"If it shall be made to appear clearly to the court that in making such order the Commission exceeded its jurisdiction, the court shall have power by its decree to enjoin, set aside, annul or suspend such order in whole or in part.

"No temporary restraining order or in terlocutory injunction shall be granted by the court suspending, setting aside or affecting any rate, charge, rule or regulation except upon reasonable notice the Commission and opportunity to be

#### heard. Plaintiff Must Tell All Facts.

"If it shall appear to the court that any plaintiff in such cause has withheld or failed fairly to present to the Commission any evidence or other matters which could and should reasonably have been presented to the Commission in the proceding before it, the court may dismiss

the cause as to such plaintiff. "The Commission may file a cross-bill in question, and the court shall have power to hear and determine the same and to bring in such additional parties as may seem necessary or proper to a complete and final determination of the cause. The territorial jurisdiction of the court in such cause with respect to its process and to parties shall be co-extensive with the territory of the United States.

Appeal Direct to Supreme Court. "In every such cause an appeal from the decree of the Circuit Court shall He only to the Supreme Court, and must be taken within 30 days from the entry

thereof." It is worthy of note that the specific ourt review paragraph in this rough draft embodies substantially the view some time ago expressed by President Roosevelt as to just how far legislation in that direction should go.

#### Coal Road Case Argued. WASHINGTON, March 29.-Reargu-

nent of the case of William Randolph Hearst, of New York, against the anthracite coal-carrying railroads was begun here today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The case already has been discussed at length. Briefly, the action involves a complaint by Mr. Hearst, that the rates for carrying anthracite coal from the mines to tidewater are to