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**CONFERENCE OF APPRAISERS**  
Will Meet in New York Today to Discuss Schedules.  
NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Appraisers from the ports of Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, San Francisco, Buffalo, New Orleans, Detroit and Cleveland will meet tomorrow at the Appraiser's store in this city to discuss the schedules of appraisal for the coming year. Every year this conference of Appraisers is held to discuss standards of value and to secure unanimity in the appraisal of such goods as ordinarily pass through their hands.  
It is necessary, too, when the character of the imports changes from year to year, to decide under what paragraph of the tariff law certain articles are to be appraised. A difference regarding an apparently minor point like this, it is declared, will work harm to the business of some ports and add unjustifiably to that of others. After these annual conferences the differences are adjusted, each Appraiser deciding his case according to the common standard.

### THERE WAS NO CLASH

Peaceful Calm in the Anthracite Region.

### STRIKERS' RANKS ARE GROWING

Soldiers Gave Protection to Those Who Wanted to Work—No Overtures to Either Side.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—Instead of the expected clash between the troops and the striking miners in the Schuylkill region today, a peaceful calm prevailed in the region, and there was not the slightest disorder for the soldiers to be called upon to quell. In fact, all the districts of the anthracite coal fields today were extremely quiet, there being no demonstration whatever on the part of the strikers.

While the operators claim that a number of their employes returned to work at the mines in the Schuylkill district, it was early in the day evident that operations did not assume the activity which the mineowners had yesterday anticipated, and it is calculated tonight that tomorrow will find more idle colliers than at any time since the strike began.

The soldiers moved over the roads leading to the collieries in Schuylkill County from early morning, and thus afforded protection to those desirous of returning to work. No opposition was encountered, however, and not a very great many availed themselves of the protection offered.

The strike leaders claim many additions to their ranks, and President Mitchell himself estimates that the striking force was augmented today to the extent of 100 to 200.

No overtures to end the struggle have been offered by either side. The strike leaders are occupying themselves in inducing miners to quit, and the operators are endeavoring to mine all the coal they can with their reduced force. Meantime, coal shipments from the mines are daily growing less, and reports of advances in the price of the commodity are received from all the trading posts.

Reports received by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company show that 15 of the 20 collieries owned by the company were idle this morning. This is three mines less than were working Saturday.

**THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY.**  
In Spite of Protection the Miners Refused to Work.  
SHENANDOAH, Pa., Sept. 24.—The ranks of the striking miners were considerably augmented today in this region and although the military protection of the collieries were promised ample protection, few of them showed a disposition to resume work this morning. In the only colliery in the immediate vicinity of this town sufficient men reported to continue operations. This was the Cambridge colliery owned by James Maginnis & Co., which gives employment to 150 men. The other 130 are said to have worked today. The remainder of the collieries about Shenandoah, the collieries in the Shenandoah and St. Nicholas districts, the Williams Penn and all the mines at Mahanoy City and all the packer collieries operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company are idle. The Gibraltar and Gilbert collieries, which worked Saturday, did not resume today. The only colliery that worked in Schuylkill County east of Shenandoah was the Park place colliery, which were in operation between Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.

### TO GET NEW YORK

Bryan Will Try to Capture the Empire State.

### MAY WIND UP CAMPAIGN THERE

He Denies That He Has Promised Any Cabinet Position in the Event of His Election.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—It has been decided by the Democratic National Committee that Mr. Bryan will make a determined effort to capture the vote of New York State. The matter was settled today at a conference at Democratic National headquarters, at which were present:

On the Portuguese Frontier.  
LORENZO MARQUES, Sept. 24.—British patrols have arrived at the Portuguese frontier. Boers continue above and below the portion held by the British. The horses of the Boers are in a terrible condition.

### DISCHARGED VOLUNTEERS.

Shafter Takes Steps to Have Them Sent to Their Homes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—General Shafter is taking steps to safeguard the future of the volunteers who are about to be discharged, as indicated in the following dispatch:  
"San Francisco, Sept. 21.—In compliance with instructions of the 8th inst., in regard to the discharge of volunteers, steps were taken to insure that the men discharged were afforded every facility to obtain tickets, and they were encouraged to go home immediately. Pair rates were obtained, and the railroad companies sent agents to the post to furnish them tickets immediately upon their being paid off. Three hundred and fifty-five were discharged, of which the greater portion availed themselves of the facilities afforded and left for their homes without delay."  
—SHAFTER.

### DEATHS ON THE GRANT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—General Shafter has telegraphed to the War Department the following deaths that occurred on the transport Grant, just arrived at San Francisco from Manila:  
Private Edward Stevens, of the Thirty-ninth Infantry, September 2, at Nagasaki, Japan, chronic diarrhoea; Private Nelson Rasmus, Company A, Thirty-ninth Infantry, September 2, at Nagasaki, Japan, chronic gastritis and chronic dysentery; Corporal Hugh C. Miller, Company C, Thirty-second Infantry, September 2, at sea, pneumonia; Private J. W. Dougherty, Company F, Twenty-first Infantry, September 7, chronic catarrhal dysentery; Private Robert L. Goodrich, Company D, Thirty-seventh Infantry, September 11, chronic dysentery; Warren Drummond, ex-soldier, September 12, chronic dysentery; Private John Martin, Company D, Thirty-ninth Infantry, September 13, dysentery; Private John A. Slowater, Company A, Thirty-ninth Infantry, September 14, acute dysentery and malarial cachexia; Private Thomas J. Molloy, Company F, Thirty-ninth Infantry, September 14, chronic diarrhoea; Private Maynard G. Graves, Company B, Thirty-ninth Infantry, September 17, chronic dysentery; Private Charles Owen, Company G, Thirty-ninth Infantry, at sea, September 21, chronic dysentery; Corporal Archibald W. Rouston, Company F, Twenty-seventh Infantry, September 21, acute dysentery.

### MORRIS STERNFELS DEAD.

Former Portlander Killed in Trolley Car Collision.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Morris Sternfels, formerly a member of Lipman, Wolfe & Co., of Portland, Or., was killed here tonight in a collision between two Third Avenue trolley cars and a brewery wagon.

(Morris Sternfels was well known in Portland, having been for five years a resident of this city, and a member of the firm of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Before coming to Portland he was associated in business with S. Lipman, in Sacramento, Cal., with whom he was a partner for 25 years. In California he had many friends, and was related to the Goodkinds, a well-known San Francisco family. Ten years ago he came to Portland, and with his family became widely acquainted, and esteemed by a large circle of friends. Five years ago he withdrew from the firm of Lipman, Wolfe & Co., and went to New York, where he had since been engaged in the mercantile business. He was between 55 and 60 years old, and left a wife and two children, a son of 14 years and a daughter of 10. He was highly esteemed in Portland, both in his personal character and his business relations.)

### Glassworkers Quit Work.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Two hundred and seventy-five ornamental glassworkers quit work here today because the principal local firms refused to sign their agreement calling for an increase of pay for certain classes of work and a reduction of hours from 10 to 9.

### GALE STRUCK NOME

Worst Storm Ever Known in Northwestern Alaska.

### 500 PEOPLE ARE NOW HOMELESS

Number of Lives Believed to Have Been Lost—Loss to Property Is Over \$500,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—The steamer Ronalde brings news of a most disastrous storm at Nome. It raged with unusual violence for nearly two days up to the evening of September 13, and was the severest that ever visited Northwestern Alaska.

A number of barges and lighters were driven ashore and totally wrecked. All along the beach for miles, both east and west of Nome, the first class and second class houses with tents and masting machinery. A number of lives are believed to have been lost. It is known that Andrew A. Ryan, of Los Angeles, was drowned. Several captains and men were on small tugs are missing, and it is thought they are lost. Fully 500 people are homeless, while the loss to property and supplies is over \$500,000. There is not an alley leading to the beach that is not filled with debris. Many of the front-street buildings abutting on the beach have been damaged. Numerous small buildings were swept completely away. The houses, the buildings, tents, household effects, merchandise and other goods and chattels is seen everywhere along the water front.

### ALASKA PASSENGER RATES.

Notice of Material Increase in the Skagway-Dawson Fare.

YANCOOVER, B. C., Sept. 24.—Advices from Skagway, dated September 23, state that passenger rates from Skagway to Dawson have been advanced to 86 first class and 60 second class, and from Dawson to Skagway, 75 first class and 40 second class. There is no increase in the railroad rate, but the rate is due to an increase of 10 for the steamer trip. There is no increase in freight rates, and the railroad company is making an effort to keep them down. It is also trying to prevent a congestion of freight. If there is a congestion, it will be the fault of the shippers, as they were urged by the companies and agents to ship goods last month.

### IRON WORKERS STRIKE.

Attempted Enforcement of a Reduction Caused a Walkout.

COLUMBIA, Pa., Sept. 24.—According to the sentiment expressed tonight, there will be no break in the ranks of the striking ironworkers at Columbia, who today quit work upon the attempted enforcement of a reduction of 25 per cent. The strike affects about 1,000 men and boys employed in the four mills of the Susquehanna Iron & Steel Company here, and 600 or 700 men employed at the Aurora furnace, at Wrightsville; the Vesta furnace, at Watts Station, and the York Rolling mill, at York, all of which are controlled by the Susquehanna company. The 25 rate is in force at all mills in the combine, but the strikers refuse to accept it, because it is paid at one of the Lehigh mills and other independent works.

### Tennessee Miners Strike.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 24.—Four hundred miners in the Coal Creek mines at Coal Creek, Tenn., struck today, after voting against the contract for the year offered by the manager.

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