

MINERS ADVERTISE STRIKE

Miners' Convention to Adjourn Without a Declaration.

LONG CONFERENCE OF LEADERS

Will Recommend the Appointment of a Committee to Present the Demands of the Men to the Operators.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 23.—From an official source, it was learned today that an effort will be made tomorrow to adjourn the joint meeting of the districts No. 1, 7 and 9, United Mineworkers of America, without committing the delegates to a strike declaration.

At a meeting which began at 11 o'clock last night and continued until this morning, the special committee appointed Saturday, formulated a resolution which the leaders hope will satisfy both radical and conservative delegates. The committee, which consists of President Mitchell, District Presidents Nicol, Fahy and Duffy, and the three district vice-presidents, held another session today. Tomorrow, the report of the committee will take the form of a resolution, the principal clause of which, it is stated, will recommend the appointment of a committee to present to the operators the demands of the convention. Incorporated in the report are a number of resolutions adopted during the week, in addition to those made public by President Mitchell. All of these resolutions, it is stated, contain a strike declaration effective April 1, but they were made subject to the special committee's report, which, so far as could be ascertained, does not declare for a strike. All of the demands made in the scale committee's report are also embodied in the resolution, but the statement is made that only one of these—an eight-hour working day and the weighing of coal wherever practicable—will be insisted upon if the convention adopts the resolution.

Should the report prove satisfactory, the convention is expected to select a committee, composed of others than officers of the union. In the event of the operators refusing to recognize the committee, it is within the province of the district presidents to declare a strike after receiving the sanction of the National Executive Board. When asked tonight if the above statements were correct, President Mitchell did not deny them, but declined to discuss the subject. The entire matter now rests with the delegates, and it is possible the convention may not approve the resolution.

TEXTILE WORKERS MAY STRIKE

Mill Agents Refuse Demand for Advance in Wages.

LOWELL, Mass., March 23.—Lowell is threatened with one of the greatest strikes in the textile industry. The National Textile Association sent to the Textile Union by the mill agents in reply to the official demand that body for an advance in wages for the textile operators, and was met with a positive, unconditional refusal of the demands. It was said that the agents had each agent answered for himself. The language, however, was identical. It is believed that the note was framed at a meeting of mill operators in Boston last Thursday night.

The increase demanded was to have gone into effect tomorrow, but, owing to the delay of the reply, the various unions represented in the central body, which had an opportunity to express their opinion on the new aspect of the situation, so it has been decided to postpone final action until the evening of the 25th, following next. Meanwhile, special meetings of the union will be held and a vote will be taken on the question of a strike. An informal vote was taken today, and it is said that three-fourths of the members present favored a strike, the others reserving their decision until Wednesday night. At a meeting of the trades and labor council today, the question of the textile strike was approved. An estimate of the operatives who would be directly affected by a general strike places the number at 15,000.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Oleomargarine Bill May Give Way for Exclusion Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The oleomargarine bill will receive the greater share of the attention of the Senate during the present week, but if there should be a time when no one is prepared to speak for the oleomargarine, which will have charge of it, will give way to the Chinese exclusion bill, which is in the hands of Senator Penrose. Senator Proctor will call up the oleomargarine bill after the expiration of the morning hour tomorrow and will make a statement of the intent of the purposes of the bill. It is probable that further consideration will be postponed for a day. Senator Proctor expresses the opinion that the final vote on the bill will be long postponed, and it is understood that the members of the committee on agriculture who are opposed to it will not contend for many days for debate. Senator Proctor already has presented the bill, and the desirability of fixing a day for a vote, and while many Senators have made no opposition to this proposition, only Senator Bailey thus far has objected. Present indications are that the bill will not be before the Senate a great length of time.

Programme of the House

There is a bare possibility that the fight over the question of Cuban reciprocity will be transferred to the floor of the House during the coming week. The probabilities, however, are that the reciprocity resolutions, introduced by Payne, the floor leader of the majority, after the action of the Republican caucus last week, will not be called up until the following week, though upon this point no definite decision has been reached as yet by the leaders. The present programme is to take up the Army bill after the disposal of the Moss-Rhenz contested election case Tuesday. Several days will be consumed in general debate on this bill, as the Democrats are inclined to use it as a text for speeches in opposition to the policy of the administration in the Philippines. It is a foregone conclusion that Rhea will be unseated when the vote on his contested election case is taken.

METHODIST FEDERATION.

Plan for Uniting the Northern and Southern Churches.

BALTIMORE, March 23.—As the result of a meeting here of the joint commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Church South, the general conference of the Northern church will be asked to adopt, at its next meeting, a plan for federation in several branches of work. The adoption of this plan will result in a consolidation of mission work, and the publishing houses at Shanghai, China, the publication of a union paper in Mexico, and the preparation of a union hymn book, common catechism and common order of public worship. The Northern commissioners acknowledged that their church made a mistake in beginning the work of revision of the Standard Book of Prayers last year, and an equal committee from the Southern church. It has, therefore, been decided that the work of revision must begin over again. The plan of federation has already been adopted by the general conference of the Southern church.

Threatened Strike of Brewers.

BOSTON, March 23.—The most important of many meetings of labor organizations, held today, was that of the brewery workers of Boston, who were threatening to strike because their demands for an eight-hour day and other conditions have been refused. The question of accepting a compromise offered by a brewery was discussed. Strike talk was freely indulged in. A committee of six was appointed, with full power to either settle the difficulty or call a strike.

Norfolk Strikers Out on Bail.

NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—A. C. Worrell and George Wynn, strikers, who were arrested last night, charged with attempting to wreck a car of the Norfolk Street Railway & Power Company, were released tonight on \$500 bonds each. The police claim Wynn had a revolver when arrested. All other cases being looked upon for tonight by guards. The suburban lines especially are being closely watched. Fifty Deputy Sheriffs are on duty, and all pedestrians are being watched.

Trouble in Molders' Strike.

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PROFESSOR WARD DEAD.

Eminent Historian and Linguist Passes Away at Yuma.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Professor Osborne Ward, an eminent historian and linguist, died at Yuma, Ariz., March 20, after a lingering illness. Professor Ward's greatest work was his "History of the Common People from the Earliest Times to Constantine," on which he labored 23 years. He traveled thousands of miles, visited many of the world's most interesting and went over the world's first histories. He made himself a master of ethnology and archaeology, and in 1885 was associated with Charles Darwin in solving problems on which he was at work. His best-known book is "The Ancient Lowly." Recently he had been engaged in arranging the vast amount of material he had gathered for the use of his literary executor.

Richard Rock, an Old-Time Scout.

BUTTE, Mont., March 23.—News was received here today of the death Saturday of Richard Rock, an old-time scout and frontiersman, who was known to hundreds in Montana and in other parts of the country, at his ranch near Henry's Fork. Rock was a buffalo hunter, a buffalo which he had raised from a calf. Rock was one of the scouts with the ill-fated Custer expedition, and is said to be the man who gave Custer information of the presence of the Indians under Sitting Bull in the valley where the crafty chief had encamped. Rock advised the general to wait for the coming of Reno before attacking the Indians, and a message was sent by the Government into the park to count the buffalo remaining there.

Alden Spears.

NEWTON, Mass., March 23.—News was received here today of the death last night at Pasadena of Alden Spears, president of the Alden Spears Sons Company, of Boston. Mr. Spears was a director of a number of railroad companies, among them the Mexican Central and Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. He was for years a delegate to the National Board of Trade and the American Railway Union, and recently declined the presidency of that body.

Professor Seth G. Estell.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 23.—Seth G. Estell, professor of Greek in Kalamazoo College for the past 12 years, died today, aged 60 years. He was president of Leland University at New Orleans from 1878 to 1882, and president of Central College at Pea, Ia., in 1880 and 1881.

Aron French.

PITTSBURG, March 23.—Aron French, aged 72, died in his home in this city shortly after midnight of paralysis. Mr. French was president of the American Steel Enameled Company, and was elected president of the steel spring combine formed in New York recently.

Charles G. Sower.

PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—Charles G. Sower, president of the Sower Publishing Company, publishers of school books, died today from heart disease aged 51 years. The publishing house is the oldest in the United States, having been established in 1783.

A Tennessee Millionaire.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 23.—R. D. Sweeping, a millionaire, died here today. He was a Virginian, and owned the Richmond street-car system during the Civil War.

Ex-Prime Minister of Hungary.

BUDAPEST, March 23.—Coloman D. Ties, ex-Hungarian Prime Minister and leader of the liberal party, died here today, aged 72 years.

Woman and Child Protection in Italy.

ROME, March 23.—By a vote of 136 to 50, the Chamber of Deputies has adopted a bill for the protection of women and children employed in mines and factories. The minimum age when children can be thus employed is given as the end of their 12th year. The bill also prohibits women from working in mines, which has been connected was suppressed.

Dr. Pierson May Go to London.

LONDON, March 23.—Rev. F. B. Meyer, pastor of the Westminster Bridge Road, has informed his constituents that negotiations have been opened to obtain the temporary services at Christ Church during the coming Autumn and Winter of the Rev. Dr. A. T. Pierson, of the American, Christ Church is one of the favorite churches of the metropolis with American visitors.

Gorki's Election Annulled.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—It has been officially announced here that the election of Maxim Gorki to be an honorary member of the Academy of Sciences has been annulled. Gorki has been summoned to appear before the tribunal to answer for political offenses. Gorki was banished from the Russian capital years ago, and his name has since been connected with the revolution.

Fatal Riot in Ephesus.

LONDON, March 23.—A dispatch to the Standard from Smyrna says that in a recent fatal riot at Ephesus, in Ephesus, between gendarmes and Turks, the latter endeavored to rescue a noted criminal from prison. The disturbances were followed by a fight, in which eight gendarmes were killed. The troops arrested 50 Albanians.

Turks and Macedonians Fight.

LONDON, March 23.—A dispatch to the Morning Leader from Sofia says that 14 Turks and over 30 Bashi-Bazouks were killed in the recent conflict between Turkish troops and Macedonian revolutionaries at Sofia, near Kastoria, European Turkey, during which the Turks surrounded the village and overcame the rebels.

Russian Rivers Closed.

ODESSA, March 23.—After abnormally mild weather the government has now closed to navigation all the rivers of Southern Russia, including the Dnieper and Dniester. The absence of snow promises badley for crops.

Suicide of a Belgian General.

BRUSSELS, March 23.—General Hennequin, the director of the Military Cartographical Society, has committed suicide by shooting with a rifle.

Big Deal in Flour Mills.

MONTREAL, March 23.—Charles R. Hooper, of this city, and F. W. Thompson, of Winnipeg, have purchased the extensive flour-milling plant of the W. W. Ogilvie Milling Company. The purchase

SOUTH RUSSIAN REVOLT.

TROUBLE BREAKS OUT AT BATOMUM. TIFLIS AND BAKU.

A Serious Collision Between Strikers and Troops at the Black Sea Port.

TIFLIS, Trans-Caucasia, Russia, March 23.—The official Caucasus Gazette reports a strike among the men employed at the Rothschild's petroleum works at Batoum, on the Black Sea. According to this newspaper, 300 strikers went last Friday to the police station and demanded the release of the ringleaders, who had been arrested for their part in the strike. The strikers reassembled the following day (Saturday), attacked the jail and attempted to release the prisoners. They fired at the soldiers who were guarding the prison. The latter in turn fired on the mob. Thirty of the rioters were killed and one soldier was wounded.

Disorders at Other Ports.

LONDON, March 24.—It is reported here from Odessa, says the Vienna correspondent of the Mail, that revolution and disorder have broken out simultaneously at Batoum, on the Black Sea, at Tiflis, in Trans-Caucasia, and at Baku, on the Caspian Sea. According to the reports, says the correspondent, the movement was apparently preconcerted in each town, and there was no connection between the troops and the rioters. The number of casualties is not known. Several warehouses have been burned at Baku.

BELGIAN SUFFRAGE AGITATION.

Big Parade of Liberals and Socialists at Brussels.

BRUSSELS, March 23.—The Liberals and the Socialists, including many members of the Chamber of Deputies, took part in a big parade here this afternoon. The parade halted in front of the City Hall and sent in a deputation to the Burgomaster to demand universal suffrage and proportional representation. The Burgomaster promised to submit the petition to the Parliament. At Prince Albert's nephew, King Leopold, was leaving the theater last night hundreds of Socialist students gathered about him and shouted for universal suffrage.

Dynamite Cartridges Were Exploded This Morning in the Postoffice at La Louviere.

Province of Hainaut, Belgium. The building was damaged, but no one was hurt. The explosion last Friday of dynamite cartridges under the home of M. Derbais, a Catholic deputy at Binche, by which no one was injured, is also attributed to the suffrage agitation.

HUMILIATION OF CHINA.

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PEKIN, March 23.—There is little discussion among the diplomats in the Chinese capital of the Franco-Russian declaration, and this declaration is generally regarded as a humiliation of China. Chinese newspapers are emphasizing the humiliation of China, saying she is treated by the powers as though she were incompetent to conduct her own interests, and that she is placed upon a level with Corea. The Chinese Foreign Office is preparing to send independent Ministers to establish relations with Austria and Spain. The Chinese Ministers to Great Britain, Russia and the United States have been heretofore respectively accredited to those nations.

Woodard Promises a Sensation.

CASPER, Wyo., March 23.—Charles Woodard, the self-confessed slayer of Sheriff Tucker, is expected to make a statement on Friday. Woodard insists that he will make a statement on the gallows. He has not made public the nature of the statement, but it is said he will charge that his enemies hatched a plot which was the cause of all his trouble. It is stated he will charge that the men in the Thirteenth Infantry to run the risk of cholera, as a result of contact with the city, that regiment has already been taken to the island of Zambouanga, Island of Mindanao, reports that a detachment of the Signal Corps, consisting of 17 men, has been attacked by 300 Moros near Parana-Parana, Mindanao. The Moros captured the transportation of the detachment, including four pack mules.

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