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There will be a conference tomorrow be

action will be taken accordingly. There

is talk of a convention being called, but

to end the strike, he said it is a rule of

the organization that no settlement can

understand the situation that he will ad-

How Miners View Proposition.

vise a refusal of the proposition.

much good might result.

but he would make no comment on it.

the rapidly approaching cold weather is

outlook for arbitration is rather dark, it

can safely be said that there will be lit-

time to come than there is at present.

ROOSEVELT ALSO SILENT.

President Now Anxiously Awaits Re-

ply From Mitchell.

The officials there decline absolutely to

say anything on the subject at this time for publication. The impression is gen-

addressed some sort of communication to Mr. Mitchell in connection with the op-

has been, or soon will be, invited to come

to Washington to talk over the situation with the President; but whether he has or

he would not talk about the matter.

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YOKOHAMA, Oct. 1, via Victoria, B.]

AT TOMB OF WASHINGTON China-Mantla Steamers Suffers a Crown Prince of Slam and His Brother Visit Mount Vernon.

WASHINGTON, Oct; 14.-The Crown C. Oct 14.—Information has reached here that a box containing bank notes of the value of \$50,000 gold has been stolen from troops gave him an exhibition of their the strong room of the China and Manila steamer Zafiro, on her last voyage from Hong Kong to Manila. The consignment was signed for by one of the ship's officers, and prior to the vessel's arrival at Manila the strong room was opened only once, and that was to admit a consignment of opium sent on board at the last moment.

Toops gave him an exhibition of their skill in cavalry tactics. Later in the day, accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Pierca, and his entire suite, he boarded the Sylph and visited Mount Vernon. Tonight he was given a dinner by Professor, Gore, of Columbia University, once, and that was to admit a consignment of opium sent on board at the last moment.

Operators' Plan to Be Rejected.

NOT FAIR, THEY SAY

Make-Up of Board Is Unduly Limited.

ALL DEPENDS ON MITCHELL

Strike Leader Is Noncommittal as to His Gourse.

FRIENDS SAY HE WON'T GIVE UP

Head Officers of Union Will Hold a Conference Today, and Probably Give the Operators a Reply-What Objections Are.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 14.-From a thorough canvass of the situation as it exists tonight there is every indication that the new arbitration plan proposes by the presidents of the coal companies for ending the miners' strike will not be accepted in its present form. There is a division of opinion among the strikers, but there is no doubt that a majority feel that the offer to have the President of the United States select an arbitration commission along the lines suggested by the operators is not fair, and that it un duly limits the board. The miners, it is safe to say, will abide by the advice of their National president, in whose judgment they have the utmost confidence.

Mitchell Is Non-Committal. President Mitchell declines to say how ne personally looks upon the proposition, but tonight he gave to the press 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 Miners' Union, or its officers, in making their the movement of men returning to work. public statement. It is therefore impos- The prospect for a coal supply to meet sible for me to state the attitude of the miners at this time. I am now, as I have by no means bright. If the miners should always been, deeply solicitous of the in- accept arbitration it would take at least terests of the public and the welfare of two weeks before a plan of sending the the mineworkers who have been on strike | miners back could be worked out. As the for the past five months. A formal statement defining our position and intentions will be issued just as soon as we are in the more coal on the market for some possession of the full meaning of the proposition of the operators."

This statement was made by President Mitchell at 8 o'clock, after a slience lasting all day. He had no intention of making it until the correspondents representing newspapers all over the country called on him in a body and informed him that the general public desired to have an answer to the proposition of the operators. After giving it he was asked many questions regarding the attitude of the men and the probability of the acceptance or rejection of the new offer, but he had no reply to make to any of these questions. He denied that he had any knowledge of what the new offer of the operators was until it became public property, and also denied that he was in telephonic communication with President Roosevelt, His attention was called to the fact that most of the information from Washington indicated that the proposition would be accepted, and that the strike was nearing an end, but he stoutly maintained that neither his officers nor the rank and file of the men had done anything to cause such an impression to go out. District Presidents Also Silent.

The district presidents also maintain sience as to their personal opinion of the proposition, excepting President Fahey, who, after he arrived from Boston today, gave an inkling as to how he viewed the new turn of affairs. In reply to a ques-

"The strike cannot be settled without

the consent of the men. We are not deal-KEEP UP THE WAR? ing in gold bricks of any kind; and you can make any deduction from this that

tween Mr. Mitchell, the three district presidents and Secretary Wilson, who President Gompers Opposes will arrive here tomorrow. It is fully expected that the sentiment of all the strik-Barons' Peace Plan. ers will be known tomorrow, and that

there is nothing definite on which to base this talk. When Mr. Mitchell was asked LABOR GIVEN NO RECOGNITION if he and the district officers had power

be made by the officers of the union without the consent of a delegate convention, Leader Holds Mitchell Has as Much It is practically admitted that Mr. Mitch-Right as Operators to Dictate the ell's savice will be followed. While he Membership of the Arbihas not said a word as to what he will tration Board. do, it is freely predicted by those who

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. - President The rank and file of the miners view Gompers, of the American Federation of the new proposition in different lights. Labor, with whom President Mitchell, of Those who are opposed to accepting the the United Mineworkers, has been in connew offer look upon the operators' latest stant communication and consultation move as a counter proposition to Mr. declined all requests of newspapers for an Mitchell's offer to arbitrate made in the expression of opinion on the proposition temporary White House at Washington. of the coal operators, but tonight stated They compare the two offers and pick out his views to the Associated Press. Mr. what they all agree to be many flaws.

Gompers said: Their greatest objection to it is that the "You can readily understand that I operators dictate to the President from want to leave this whole matter in the what class of men he shall select for hands of Mr. Mitchell and his colleagues. arbitrators, and they charge the operators I am particularly anxious not to say anywith lack of faith in the President when thing that might be construed otherwise they give him a free hand to pick the I will say that in my opinion the proposimen he wants Another objection to tion made by the operators, at least so it is that the President is limited far as their designation of who should be to four men in selecting the jurist on invited to go on the commission of arbithe commission. Neither are they sure, tration is concerned, is an insult to the they say, that labor would be represented, President of the United States. I desire because the proposal does not specifically that the President shall use his discresay so, and they add that they have no tion in the selection of the personnel of assurance that "a man of prominence, eminent as a sociologist," would cover the commission "By indirection, it would seem from the

operators' proposition that the President A great many of the strikers think the has designs on the mineowners. No one proposition should be accepted, and that believes this. The operators indicate what the miners should trust to President class of men should be selected for the Roosevelt to do the best he can under personnel of the commission. For examthe conditions laid down by the coal-road ple, they say that an expert mining enpresidents. An argument was made by gineer, experienced in the mining of coal one miner at the hotel that Mr. Mitchell and other minerals, and not in any way could not well afford to turn down the connected with coal mining properties, proposition after already offering to pershall be one of the members. In other mit the President to select the members words, this man must be an expert miner of the commission. He thought the Presiout of a job. This member must eithe dent would appreciate the trust put in have been employed in the mines as an him and see that the miners had fair expert, or must expect or hope to be emplay. Others in the same class thought ployed in the future as an expert. Annot much barm could be done by acceptother must be an eminent sociologist. ing the proposition, but that in the end Well, who? Must be be a speculative sociologist, a theorist, or what? Another Counter Proposition Favored. There is still a third view held by min ers, and that is to refuse to accept the

member is to be some man actively participating in the mining and selling of Principal ground of objection is that labor is coal, and familiar with the commercial plan proposed and make a counter proposition, embodies correct the suggestions contained in the operators offer. as well as the physical part of the business. This must certainly be one of the operators, or one of their representatives. One proposition suggested is that the op-No other man familiar with the commererators, the miners and the President each cial features of the business in those select a number of men to act as a board. fields his that description. This was mentioned to President Mitchell. "In the-classes of persons from whom

the mineowners prescribe the commission The situation around the collieries was shall be selected, there is to be not i partly lost sight of because of last night's single representative of the man who developments, but there was no matedigs coal, the man who works in and rial change from that of yesterday. The about the mines. arbitration talk has acted as a check upon "Now, as a matter of fact,

question of the selection and appointment of a commission has not been left to the President of the United States, Mr. Mitchell has said that he will be perfectly satisfied with whoever the President selects. If the mineowners are to be permitted to suggest who should constitute the arbitration commission, why in all fairness should it not follow that Mr. Mitchell should likewise be permitted to the commission? I hope that the President will decline to act upon this proposition of the mineowners, unless he is given a free hand."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—All efforts to ascertain at the White House tonight whether President Roosevelt had communicated with President Mitchell the proposition of the operators, with a view to resumption of work, were unavailing. TO REBUILD NAVAL STATION | Agricultural Hall at Corvalils ready for dedi-Navy Department Sends \$15,000 to

Gunm by Way of Manila. WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.-The Navy De partment today cabled \$15,000 to Manila, P. I., to be sent from there to the Island eral in Washington that Mr. Roosevelt, in conviction of his determination to bring about the resumption of work, has of Guam for the rehabilitation of the naval station property which was damaged by the recent earthquake. The department received a cablegram today an-nouncing the departure of the Golffer Juscrators' proposition, and that a reply from him may come at any time. Indeed, it would not be surprising if Mr. Mitchell tin from Cavite for Guam, and it is the understanding here that she carries funds for the repair work.

To Relieve Schroeder at Guam has not the officials will not say. Secre-tary Root was at the White House for an hour this afternoon, and the belief is WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.-Orders have been issued by the Navy Department directing Commander M. E. Sewell to prothat he discussed again with the President features bearing on the strike, but ceed to Guam and assume the duties of commandant of the naval station at that station, relieving Commander Schroeder, ordered home to await orders.

It is known, however, that the President has agreed to appoint the commission suggested by the coal operators, provided such a committee should prove satisfac-tory to the miners. During the early part Successor to Viceroy Lin Kun Yi. NEW YORK, Oct. 14.-Viceroy Chang of today the President had several con Chi Tung has been instructed to assume ferences, all bearing on the strike situa-tion. Secretary Root, Frank P. Sargent, lemporary charge of the Nanking Viceroyalty, says a Times dispatch from Shanghal, by way of London. According to a trust-worthy native report, Lu Hai Huan, an Commissioner of Immigration, and Comex-Minister to Germany and a Treaty | Markets. Page 13.

Commissioner, has been nominated as successor to the late Viceroy Liu Kun Yi. Out of deference to the memory of Liu, his successor will not be definitely appointed for 40 days. The departure of the foreign garrison from Shanghal probably will be postponed until the two Yangtse Viceroyalties are seen to be in safe hands.

CRISIS IN VENEZUELA.

American Minister May Be Placed in a Delicate Position.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.- The following cablegram has been received from Minis-ter Bowen, at Caracaa, dated yesterday: "I am informed by the Minister of For-eign Affairs that the executive branch of the government has been transferred from here to Guayaca Ipuro, about 20 miles from here. It is understood that the main armies met near Victoria this morning (yesterday), and an important engage-ment is imminent."

It is gathered from the above telegram and advices that have preceded it that the crisis has been reached in the Venezuela revolution. It would not surprise the officials here were the rebels under Mator to occupy Caracas, settling up a capital of their own and a provisional government. Mr. Bowen would then be confronted with the necessity of recognizing either the Matos or the Castro government.

GEORGE CROCKER ILL. California Millionaire Again Under the Surgeon's Knife.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.-George Crocker, the California millionaire, who arrived on October 3 from London, where he had been ill from blood-poleoning caused by an ul-cerated tooth, has undergone an operation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in this city. He is reported to be reeting comfortably The operation was necessitated by an abscess which formed on his face, and was the outcome of the blood-poisoning from which he suffered in London. This is the third time Mr. Crocker has been in the hands of the surgeons since the tooth became ulcerated.

ACCIDENT TO FAIRCHILD. Ex-Secretary of Treasury Knocked Down by Trolley Car.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.-Ex-Secretary of he Treasury knocked down by a trolley car today while he was on his way to his office. His in-juries are severe, but not serious.

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Great Vessels Easily Reach Portland.

NEXT A 40-FOOT CHANNEL

River Can Be Permanently Opened to the Sea.

PILOTS SHOW PROPER METHOD

Shoals Can Be Overcome by Systematic Dredging-Astoria Man's Plan to Improve Sung Island Channel.

The steamship Poplar Branch, which by a small margin eclipses the glory of the Lime Branch as the largest vessel that ever entered the Columbia River, will commence loading tomorrow, and the big Oriental liner Indrasahma will finish discharging inward cargo about the same time. The Lime Branch still at Astoria. These three steamers have a gross register of 15,963 tons, and a carrying capacity of nearly 20,000 tons dead weight. The arrival in the river of these record-breaking steamers has awakened considerable interest in the necessity for rushing the work of deepening the channel, both along the river and at Astoria. While the Lime Branch was taken through to Astoria with comparatively little delay, carrying the largest cargo that was ever floated in Portiand, the delay in dredging out the channel across from Reeder's prevented her going down loaded to her fullest capacity.

Piloting 10,000-ton ships up and down the river is a feat of considerable importance, but there is such a large portion of the distance between Portland and Astoria where 40-foot ships can be as easily navi-gated as 20-footers, that the difficulty in handling these big ships as well as still larger ones, can be remedied at only moderate cost.

Captain H. A. Emken, who piloted both the Lime Branch and the Poplar Branch between Portland and Astoria, was interviewed yesterday regarding the condition of the river between the two ports, and the proposed plans for improving. Cap-tain Emken may not be an expert on theoretical channel-building, but his many years' experience on the river, together with the fact that he successfully piloted the largest steamers that ever floated on that stream, entitle his views to due consideration.

Beginning in Portland harbor, according to Captain Emken, there is necessity for a cut of nearly 1000 feet in the vicinity of Oceanic dock to enable deep-draft ships to get out of the harbor. Some of this dredging would be on fairly hard bottom, but the greater part of it would be done at reasonable cost. Once out of the har-bor, no further trouble is experienced until the mouth of the Willamette is reached. At this point there is plenty of water to float big ships, but unless they are quick in answering their helms at the short turn into the Columbia, they are liable to ged too far out and swing on the sands which have formed in the Columbia abreast of the mouth of the river. This short turn could be remedied by pulling out the ancient breakwater on the lower side of the mouth of the Willamette. There is deep water inside of this breakwater, close up to shore, and as it is now, the breakwater is acting only as an obstruction, having little or no effect in preventing the island from cutting away. Captain Emken, as well as most of his associates, would like to have the present zigzag channel at Reeder's straightened up so that it would not fill in with each recurring freshet.

According to his statement, a much

deeper and more easily maintained channel could be secured by dreiging over a slightly longer course, which would intercept two very deep holes and would run almost parallel with the stream instead of across it. Ar Martin's Island, the only shoal that causes much concern is a very short one, and a little over 500 feet of dredging would put this in very good shape. There is a small lump down near the foot of the island, but the amount of dredging neces-eary at this point is very small. At Hunter's the top needs scraping off a foot or two for a distance of nearly 1000 feet to enable the vessels to get over regardless of tides. The drodger Ladd has scooped out a fairly good channel at Doublebower's, except for a distance of about 500 feet, where there is still work needed From beginning to end of the high spots at Slaughter's is nearly a mile, but the serious portion of this obstruction is less than 500 feet, and there is enough of a

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MEMBERS OF THE HAGUE COURT WHO DECIDED THE PIOUS FUND CASE.







