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HUGE LABOR DEMONSTRATION

Fifteen Thousand Strikers in Procession at Wilkesbarre.

SPEECH BY PRES. MITCHELL

More Mines Closed—Strikers Remain Firm and Insist on Other Concessions—Delegates for Possible Convention Chosen.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2.—No break has yet occurred in the ranks of the striking mine workers, though additional notices of the offer of an increase of ten per cent in wages were posted throughout the region.

In fact, there were many indications today of the part of the strikers to insist on other concessions and also remain out until the operators give recognition to their national organization.

The features of the day were the parade and mass meeting of mine workers at Wilkesbarre, arranged with the object of demonstrating the strength of the United Mine Workers. A conservative estimate places the number of strikers in the procession at 15,000 and the day was generally given up as a holiday by the people of Wilkesbarre and other Luzerne county towns.

A mass meeting was addressed by President Mitchell and other officers of the miners' organization. President Mitchell in his speech congratulated the strikers on having already received a proffer of ten per cent increase in wages. He advised them to stand firmly together. He said the strike should not be ended by him and could only be closed when a convention of miners representing every union and every colliery should decide.

He hoped that not one man would desert the ranks until the victory is complete. He did not intimate anything as to the probability of an early convention of miners and, after the meeting, when questioned on that subject, he said that not a local union had requested the calling of a convention.

A significant move in this direction however developed at Shenandoah tonight, where all the local branches of the United Mine Workers held meetings and selected delegates to a convention to be called later by President Mitchell.

MORE MINES CLOSED. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2.—Reports received today by President Harris, of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, from General Superintendent Lee, are to the effect that two mines, the Richfield and the Otto collieries, in the lower Schuylkill region, were compelled to close because a sufficient number of workmen to operate them did not report for duty. The Brookside colliery is also shut down.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION. NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—At the offices of the various coal-carrying railroads here it was said today that all the reports received indicated that the strike situation remained unchanged. None of the railway managers were willing to talk about the proposed visit of a delegation of independent mine operators to demand cheaper freight rates in case they should be obliged to grant a ten per cent advance in wages.

MINERS CONTINUE FIRM. HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. 2.—Reports received here this morning indicate that the ten per cent increase in wages offered by some of the coal companies to the miners in this region had no apparent effect in bringing the striking miners back to work. The miners as a rule declare they will not make a move toward resumption of work until ordered to do so by a miners' convention.

President Mitchell, accompanied by members of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers, and other officials of the union, left here shortly after 10 o'clock for Wilkesbarre, where a big labor demonstration is to take place this afternoon.

GREATEST STRIKE OF THE AGE. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 2.—A 3300 ago the collieries were working almost full handed throughout this territory. The United Mine Workers then appeared to have an insecure hold. Looking over the field it looks as if nearly all the collieries are tied up and the prospects are that not more than 250,000 tons of anthracite coal will be sent to market as the result of today's operations. With the exception of two sections of the country everything is closed down tight.

Notwithstanding an increase of 10 per cent in wages, the Reading miners resolved to stay at home until the big strike is over. They say they will not stay on strike but will quit work until the trouble ends. It is a sympathetic move on a large scale to enable their brother miners to win their battle and the recognition of their union. The advance in wages would be 10 per cent.

CHINESE EMPEROR CABLES TO KAISER

Will Pour Out Libations and Offer Sacrifices for Ketteler.

KAISER IS NOT SATISFIED

Demands Punishment of Guilty—Prospects for Peaceful Settlement Brighter—Missions Tell Interesting Stories.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—The Chinese emperor has sent a message to Emperor William deploring the murder of the German minister and stating that he has ordered that a sacrifice be made on the altar for the deceased and chief Secretary Kun Ying has been instructed to pour libations on the altar. The emperor of China says he hopes that peace may be arranged as soon as possible.

Emperor William replied, September 29, as follows: As German emperor and a Christian I cannot regard that abominable crime as atoned for by a libation, but the address of your majesty's throne and the officials in whose hands rests the blood guilt of the crime which fills all Christian nations with horror must expiate their abominable deed. When your majesty brings them to the punishment they have deserved, that I will regard as an expiation which will satisfy the nations of Christendom.

AGREEMENT IN SIGHT. WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Favorable news has reached Washington from the European chancelleries, indicating that a complete agreement as to China is within sight. The agreement will be the basis of the propositions laid down by Secretary Hay in his note of July 2 and subsequent notes treating on that subject.

The accord of Russia with the United States is more complete than was anticipated at first, and reports show that all European nations probably are placing themselves in a position to take advantage of the opening made by the United States and soon will be ready to begin negotiations for settlement with the Chinese government.

It may be stated that altogether the prospects of an adjustment of the Chinese situation without resort to formal war are very much brighter than they were one week ago.

PUNISHMENT FOR OFFICIALS. WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The Chinese minister has delivered to the state department a list of names of the degradation of Prince Tuan and many other Chinese leaders. The following statement is made as to Minister Wu's dispatch: A cablegram received from Director General Sheng, at Shanghai, states that by imperial edict, issued on September 26, Prince Chwang, Prince Yin, Secretary Princes Tsai Lien and Tsai Ying, were deprived of office and rank, respectively, and that Kang Yi, assistant grand secretary and president of the civil board, and Cho Shu Chiao, president of the board of punishment, are handed over to the board of censors, to be consulted and decide upon a penalty.

LI REMAINS AT TIEN TSIN. (Copyright, 1900, Associated Press.) TIEN TSIN, Sept. 29, via Taku, Sept. 29, via Shanghai, Oct. 2.—Li Hung Chang has abandoned his decision to proceed to Peking and will, it is announced, begin negotiations with the Russian minister to China, M. De Giers, upon the latter's arrival at Tien Tsin.

General Chaffee has designated the Ninth cavalry and First squadron of the Sixth cavalry and Battery B to remain at Peking. He estimates that it will take a month to get the American troops out of China.

FIRST MESSAGE AT PEKING. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—Rev. C. H. Fenn, a returned missionary from Peking, tells of the first receipt during the siege of direct news by Minister Conger from Secretary Hay. He says: "On July 17 we received a message from the outside world that said: 'Communicate tidings bearer.' There was no date and no signature. Mr. Conger sent it to the Tsung Li Yamen with the request that he should be given a copy of the message which stated that the United States government demanded word from Minister Conger in cipher. That message made our hearts jump with joy. Conger sent his reply at once."

"The night before relief arrived we heard the rattle of the machine guns at a distance and it was sweet music. Everybody got up—it was about one o'clock—the women made coffee and there was no more sleeping that night. The next day as the Americans came in, we went down and shook hands with each man as he staggered in through the water gate."

OFFICIALS INCARCERATED. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—Some interesting details of the relief of the foreigners in Peking are told by Rev. Frederick Brown, presiding elder of the Methodist mission in Tien Tsin, who guided the allied forces into the Chinese capital.

Bishop James M. Thoburn, who has been bishop of Southern Asia for twelve years, is expected to lead the discussion on the Chinese situation. He is scheduled for three lectures under the auspices of the board of examination on Oriental problems. The political situation and the influence of religion on civilization are to be discussed by him in detail.

Bishop W. X. Nindé, of Detroit, will arrive in this city today. The conference opens tomorrow with a sacramental service and business session. Bishop Nindé officiating.

NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE

Had Attempted Assault on Woman in Alabama.

VOTE TAKEN ON PUNISHMENT

Husband of His Victim Set Fire to Fuel in One Hour Negro Was Reduced to Ashes—Had Confessed His Crime.

WETUMPKA, Ala., Oct. 2.—Winfield Townsend, alias Floyd, a negro, was burned at the stake in the little town of Electric, fifteen miles from this place, half an hour after midnight, this morning. The negro's crime was an attempted assault on Mrs. Lonnie Harrington, whose husband set fire to the fuel which reduced Townsend's body to ashes.

Yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock the negro came to the house and told Mrs. Harrington that her husband had sent him to get twenty cents from her. She told him she had no change. Then the negro left but returned in about ten minutes. The woman's screams were heard by Bob Nichols, a negro who was passing along the road at the time. He ran to the house in time to see the negro escape. As soon as Mrs. Harrington was restored to consciousness Nichols gave the alarm. The news spread rapidly. All the stores at Electric were closed. People left their wagons in the road and their plows in the fields and gathered for pursuit of the negro. Bloodhounds were put on his track. The dogs stopped at a tree on the outskirts of Electric. The crowd coming up soon discovered the negro sitting on a limb. He was brought down at once and taken to the scene of his crime. There he was confronted by his victim, who identified him.

The negro was taken to the edge of the village and preparations for his death were quickly made. A rope was hung over the limb of a big oak and a hundred men stood ready to swing him up. Then a halt was called and the manner of his death was discussed by the mob. A vote was taken and the balloting showed a majority of the crowd to favor death at the stake.

A stake was prepared and the negro was bound to it with chains. Fines were paid about him and flames were started by the husband of his victim. As they leaned to the negro's flesh he uttered wild cries to God for mercy and help. In an hour the negro was reduced to ashes.

Townsend, before being bound, confessed to the crime.

MONTANA DEMOCRATS. Independent State Convention Put a Ticket in the Field but Endorses Regular Electors.

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 2.—Nineteen of the twenty-four counties of Montana were represented in the Independent Democratic state convention which met here today. The convention was the outgrowth of the bolt at Helena during the Democratic convention in which the Clark people secured control. Governor Robert B. Smith was both temporary and permanent chairman.

When the nominations were reached the presidential electors named by the Democratic convention were endorsed. "Thos. S. Hogan, Populist and secretary of state, was unanimously named for governor. Hogan was the candidate for the fusion Democratic-Progressive-Labor nomination at the Helena convention.

Con. F. Kelley was named for congress. The ticket as completed is as follows: Lieutenant-governor—Joe. E. Merrian, of Missoula. Secretary of state—George M. Hayes, of Yellowstone. Associate justice—Robert Lee Word, of Helena. Treasurer—Alex Livingston, of Park. Auditor—E. G. McLaughlin, of Carbon. Attorney-general—W. R. C. Stewart, of Gallatin. Superintendent of public instruction—P. A. Leamy, of Butte.

BELMONT NOMINATED. Declined to Run for Congress After Being Nominated by the New York Democratic Convention.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Perry Belmont today was nominated for congress by the Democratic convention, first district.

Tonight a committee called on Belmont to notify him of his nomination. He positively declined to run. Belmont told the committee that he would do anything for the party except run for congress.

NO MORE FOOTBALL. Lake Forest Men Forbidden to Play Because of the Death of One of Their Number.

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Oct. 2.—The death of Lawrence Pierson, of the Lake Forest University football eleven, from injuries received in a game a week ago, has resulted in action by the parents of other players.

Six players, Parston, Captain Howell, Roosevelt and three others have been forbidden to play the college game. The game with Wisconsin, scheduled for next Saturday, as well as other heavy games down for the season, have to be canceled.

BEAU GALLANT WON. NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Beau Gallant won the matron stakes at Morris Park today, worth \$20,000.

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