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FOREIGNERS STONE MINERS

Kentucky Miners Accept Reduction of Wages
Coupled With Recognition of Their
Union—Last Reading Col-
lery Closed.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—Today's decision of the individual coal operators to offer a ten per cent increase in wages to the striking mine workers is regarded throughout the anthracite region as the beginning of the end of the strike. Nearly all the individual operators today made an announcement of their willingness to grant an increase and notices to this effect it is expected will be posted tomorrow. It is fully believed that the few operators who have not yet expressed their intention on the subject will fall in line with the others and grant an increase.

According to some of the operators power will be sold to miners at \$1.50 per ton instead of \$2.75, as heretofore charged, but this reduction will be taken into consideration in figuring the net ten per cent advance. No other concessions to strikers are hinted at and, in fact, it has been openly declared by some officials of his companies that no further concessions will be granted.

Individual operators delayed announcing their willingness to grant an increase pending the report of a committee sent by them to New York to endeavor to secure some concessions from the coal-carrying companies. The committee was unsuccessful and so reported and the operators, feeling that further opposition to the big companies was useless, decided to follow their lead and grant the advance.

It is the general opinion that the great majority of striking mine workers would be satisfied to accept the offer and return to work, but they express a determination to await the decision of President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers.

REDUCTION ACCEPTED.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Oct. 5.—The striking miners at Baskett won their strike for recognition of their union, carrying with it a reduction in the wages.

T. C. Blair, former owner of the coal mines, never recognized the union but paid wages averaging 5 cents more than the union schedule.

The union has been recognized and the Pittsburgh miners' strike is probably the first strike for lower wages ever made.

FOREIGNERS ARE VIOLENT.

HAZZLETON, Pa., Oct. 5.—Eight Italians employed on the night shift of the Calvin Pades & Company colliery, at Lattimer, were attacked on the morning of the 4th by a mob of 25 men, mostly Hungarians and Italians, from Minersville. The men ran away and were soon out of reach of the women. One man received a cut on the head while several others were struck by stones.

LAST COLLIERY CLOSED.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—Confirmation was received at the office of the Reading Company today of the closing down of the North Franklin colliery, in North Schuylkill region. This closes every one of the 39 Reading collieries, and not a pound of coal is being mined by that company today. The normal shipment from the mines to tidewater points is from 25,000 to 30,000 tons each day.

ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Oct. 5.—The striking miners here are making preparations for a demonstration tomorrow similar to that which took place in Wilkesbarre. President Mitchell today sent word from Hazleton that he will come here tomorrow afternoon and address an open-air meeting to be held by the strikers. It is expected that 10,000 men and boys will participate.

MURDERED HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Crockett, of Pendleton, Must Appear Before the Grand Jury.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 5.—Mrs. Davy Crockett was placed in jail here today, to appear before the grand jury on the charge of murdering her husband at Milton on Monday last. The

chief evidence in the case against Mrs. Crockett is the discovery that the woman bought the pistol in Walla Walla on Saturday last that was found in the hand of the dead man after the shooting, and the testimony of her 12-year-old boy that she was in the room with his father when the shot was fired, although she stated she was in an adjoining room and did not hear the report. The officers claim that they were able to prove that Mrs. Crockett was in love with another man.

SCOTCH MINERS STRUCK.

Brought to British Columbia at the Expense of the Mine Owners They Strike Soon After Arrival.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 5.—Two hundred Scotch miners in K. Dunsmuir & Sons' coal mine struck today. During the provincial campaign last April in compliance with strong anti-Mongolian sentiment, Dunsmuir, now premier of British Columbia, discharged all the Chinese who had been working in his mines on Vancouver Island and sent to Scotland for four hundred miners. Half of these arrived only last week.

GUAM DETACHED.

It Will Now Be an Independent Naval Station.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The navy department has detached the island of Guam from the Asiatic station, making it an independent naval establishment. It was found to be cumbersome to have the Guam reports go across the Pacific to the commander of the Asiatic station before coming to Washington. By the new arrangement the reports will be made directly to the governor of Guam and by him will be forwarded to Washington.

ROOSEVELT WEARIED.

From Ten to Twenty Speeches Per Day Have Too Heavily Taxed the Governor.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Oct. 5.—Governor Roosevelt, who spoke in this city and Davenport, Ia., tonight, thus closing another day of hard campaigning, is beginning to feel the effects of the arduous work undertaken by him at the request of the Republican managers. Governor Roosevelt, since he began his campaign, has been speaking from ten to twenty times each day, closing the day's labors usually with a night meeting. Many of these meetings have been held in the open air, requiring extra exertion on his part.

He has now been on this journey for more than thirty days and though strong beyond the powers of most men to endure he is beginning to show signs of distress and failing voice. He has been worked unmercifully by the state committee of the different states through which he has passed. Beyond this he has had to endure unlimited handshaking and interviews without number, and the inconsiderate crowds which have swarmed around him in all the cities of any size have been tedious.

REFUGE FOR CATS.

Home for Sick and Homeless Felines Established at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Mrs. Leland Norton, president of the Chicago Cat Club, has just established an institution known as the Chicago Cat Refuge. It is a home for sick and injured cats, where they are to be given medical treatment. The institution is located at 4620 Grand boulevard, a most aristocratic portion of the city. She has some very fine Angora and Persian varieties now, and hopes to soon have the largest cat kennels in the world. She says she hopes that people of Chicago will no longer turn their heads for cats out, but will bring them to the refuge. She has received financial aid from philanthropic cat lovers to help keep the home. There will be an exhibition every Wednesday.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, Wants to Legislate Against the Railroad.

DETROIT, Oct. 5.—Governor Pingree will call a special session of the state legislature to convene on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. The object is to consider a joint resolution authorizing submission to the people at the general election next month of a constitutional amendment to permit the taxing of railroads and other corporations on the value of their property, instead of specifically upon their earnings, as at present.

CONDITIONS AT PEKIN.

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STORY OF SIEGE OF PEKIN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The New York Times has received a communication from the Rev. Dr. William Alexander Parsons Martin, the aged president of the new Imperial University of China, reciting the story of the siege and fall of Pekin as he saw it. Dr. Martin

CHINESE FLEET SHOWS FIGHT

Allies Will Force It to Capitulate
or Will Destroy It.

TREACHERY OF GOVERNMENT

Capital Can Be Removed to Inaccessible Place—Allies Want Large Indemnity.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—It is reported in St. Petersburg, according to the correspondent of the Times at the Russian capital, that the Chinese fleet in Pootung strait attempted to engage the Russian armored cruiser Rurik but the latter's speed frustrated the plan. The correspondent says the allied squadrons will force the fleet to capitulate or will destroy it.

Shanghai telegrams announce that an imperial edict, dated September 29, ordering the court to be removed to Sian Fu, was issued owing to a famine at Tai Yuan Fu, capital of the province of Shan Si.

They express the opinion that the object of the recent edicts regarding degradation of Chinese personages of high rank is merely to gain time to enable China to be in better position to defy the powers as the new capital will be virtually inaccessible to foreigners.

FRENCH PROPOSALS.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The following official note was issued this afternoon:

"The foreign minister has instructed the representatives of the French to sound the powers whose troops are co-operating with ours in the extreme East regarding the adoption of a common program for the negotiations with China. Our representatives have acquiesced in this mission and have left with the various foreign ministers a copy of the following note:

"In sending their forces to China the powers proposed first of all, to deliver their legations. Thanks to their union and the valor of their troops this aim has been attained. It is now a question of securing from the Chinese government, which has given Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang full power to negotiate and treat in its name, serious reparations for the past and future. Penetrated with the spirit which inspired the previous declarations of the different governments, the government of the republic believes it sums up their real sentiments in the following points, which it submits as a basis for the negotiations to be entered upon immediately after the usual verification of the powers:

"First—The punishment of the principal culprits, who will be designated by the representatives of the powers at Pekin.

"Second—The maintenance of the prohibition of the importation of arms to states, societies and individuals.

"Third—Equitable indemnities to states, societies and individuals.

"Fourth—The formation of a permanent guard for Pekin legations.

"Fifth—The dismantlement of the fortifications.

"Sixth—The military occupation of two or three points on the road from Tien Tsin to Pekin, which would be always open to the legations wishing to go to the sea or to the forces proceeding to Pekin from the sea.

"Presented collectively by the representatives of the powers, supported by the presence of the international troops, it appears impossible to the government of the republic that these conditions, which are so legitimate, would not be accepted by the Chinese government at an early date."

CHINESE ASTONISHED.

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Oct. 4.—The astonishment of the Chinese was great today, they received official notification from the legation that the degradation of prominent members of the court.

The new German cable from Che Foo to Tien Tsin has been opened. It is reported that the allies will demand an indemnity which will aggregate \$40,000,000 (\$200,000,000).

GENERAL AGREEMENT IN SIGHT. NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Lord Salisbury has contrived with admirable skill to have the German proposal accepted and has spared himself the unpleasant duty of rejecting them outright after the German emperor's handsome treatment of England during the war in South Africa, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

The United States, Germany and England by this diplomatic method have been brought into working relations and a general agreement of the powers is now within sight. The nature and scope of this agreement are not understood in terms, but the fact is tolerably clear that there is a close approach to an understanding by which peace negotiations can be entered into with representatives of the emperor of China.

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BRYAN GIVES OREGON A DAB

Refers to Our Constitution as
Republican Anti-Negro Law.

GOLDITES TURN HIM DOWN

Issue Address Bitterly Attacking Him—Story That Silver Mine Owners Paid Him \$150,000 Denied by Its Alleged Author.

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 5.—The meeting which closed here at 10 o'clock tonight was the last of a series of remarkable large political demonstrations made in connection with the appearance of William J. Bryan in Indiana. Bryan left Indianapolis early this morning with the intention of visiting during the day as many places as possible in what is known as the grass belt of the state. In pursuance of that purpose he almost circled the city of Indianapolis, visiting no fewer than nine counties and making an even dozen speeches.

While Bryan was speaking at Marion some one in the audience asked in regard to the anti-negro law, Bryan said:

"My friend, I am glad that you asked me that. I am prepared for you. Now I am going to assume that the Republican who asked that question is an honest man. I am going to ask him about the constitution of the Republic. The state of Oregon will read the provision of that constitution. It says:

"Section 35. No free negro or mulatto not residing in this state at the time of the adoption of this constitution shall come reside, or be within this state, hold any real estate, or own any contract or maintain any such therein, and the legislative assembly shall provide by penal laws for the removal by public officers of all such negroes or mulattoes from the state and for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the state or employ or harbor them."

"That amendment was adopted before the civil war. It makes it unlawful for a free negro to go into the state and it authorizes its officers to put him out. But you say that is old. Let me remind you that just one effort was made to repeal that provision of the constitution and the effort to repeal it was defeated, although the state went Republican."

BRYAN WAS NOT BOUGHT. CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Lulu D. Hay of Jacksonville, Ill., has sent to Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, a sworn denial of the alleged Kingman story that she knew Wm. J. Bryan to have been paid \$150,000 by the silver mine owners to cause a silver plank to be incorporated in the Kansas City platform.

NO USE FOR BRYAN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 5.—The executive committee of the Democratic party tonight issued a long address to the members of the party.

The address attacks Bryan bitterly and insists that silver is the issue. The address concludes:

"Mr. Bryan seeks power by an appeal to the anti-expansion and anti-trust sentiment of the people. The difficulties of our external policy were unforeseen as their solution is at present un-revealed. The evil of the trusts has no party parentage and will be remedied by the combined intelligence of our parties."

"Without minimizing the perils of either, we affirm that no greater evil can befall our government than the impairment of its vigor, the destruction of our credit and the ruin of our industries which Mr. Bryan is specially pledged to effect if he gets into power."

"Therefore, we appeal to our countrymen to stand by the constitution and their country by its defeat."

ENORMOUS STEEL VIADUCT.

Highest and Longest Bridge in the United States Nearly Completed.

BRAINFORD, Pa., Oct. 5.—The great steel viaduct on the Erie Railroad, the highest and longest in the United States, is about completed. It takes the place of the Kinzua bridge, which spanned the Kinzua valley 19 miles south of here. The new viaduct ranks fourth as the highest bridge in the world. The Garabit viaduct, over the Truysers, in the southern part of France, is the highest, with the rail level 401 feet above the river. The great bridge over the Firth of Forth, nine miles from Edinburgh, is second; the bridge at San Paulo, Brazil, is third, and Pennsylvania and Kentucky dispute the fourth place.

GILLESPIE HANGED.

Gold Beach Murderer Asserted His Innocence to the Last.

GOLD BEACH, Or., Oct. 5.—Coleman Gillespie was hanged this afternoon for the murder of Mrs. Christine Edson in September, 1899.

Gillespie asserted his innocence to the last.

ENGLISH ELECTIONS.

Four Hundred and Forty-one Members Officially Declared Elected.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Thirty-two contests took place yesterday in the parliamentary general election. Four hundred and forty-one members have been officially declared elected and their relative strength is as follows: Liberals, 241; Laborists, 77; Nationalists, 9; Tories, 3.

METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Silver, 64 1/2; lead, unchanged.

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