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TWENTIETH CENTURY

STRIKE CONFERENCE DISMAL FAILURE

The President Makes An Eloquent Appeal to Both Sides.

Calls For Humanity -- Suggests Reason -- Points to Patriotism -- Breach Between Employers and Miners as Wide as Ever.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The great coal conference between the president and the representatives of the operators and miners came to an end at the temporary White House at 4:55 o'clock this afternoon with a failure to reach an agreement.

Apparently the rock upon which the conference split was the recognition of the miners' union. President Roosevelt had urged the contending parties to cease the strife in the interest of public welfare. The miners, through President Mitchell, of the union, had expressed their willingness to submit their differences to arbitration, the tribunal to be named by the president, and to enter into an agreement to abide by the terms fixed by such arbitration for a period of one to five years, and employers through presidents of the railroad companies and prominent mine operators, had squarely refused the arbitration, and had denounced the miners' labor organization as a lawless and anarchistic body, with which they could have no dealings. They had demanded the federal troops to ensure complete protection to the workers and their families in the mining region, and court proceedings against the miners' union, and had offered, if the men returned to work, to submit their grievances at

individual collieries to the decision of the judges of the court of common pleas for the district of Pennsylvania, in which the colliery was located. There the matter closed. Tonight both the miners and operators are still in the city, but tomorrow they will return to their several localities, each saying at a late hour tonight that the struggle will continue.

A remarkable chapter in the economic history of the country was written today. For the first time the president of the republic intervened directly between the great forces of capital and labor in an effort to avert what he himself regarded as a great national calamity. The result was to bring the principals in the great controversy face to face, with the whole country intent and watchful of their doings.

Technically, issues between the two great forces stand as they did before. President Roosevelt summoned the contending forces to the National Capitol, and forgetting his own acute suffering brought them for the love of the great country wherein they dwell, and out of pity for the countless throngs of suffering poor, to adjust their differences and to work together in peace for a common weal.

What, if anything, will result from the conference is for the indefinite future. Today the views of the contending forces in the great industrial struggle were so extreme and wide apart that there was no middle ground possible, and so the conference came to an end without any agreement for its continuation.

The conference lasted six hours, including the recess for three hours between the morning and afternoon sessions, taken to enable the miners and operators to prepare a written response to the president's appeal.

The immediate parties to the struggle say that they will continue as heretofore. What course the administration will take next no one is prepared to say. One of the operators as he left the White House was asked regarding this and he replied:

"If any one knows what the president will do next, that is more than I know."

Fourteen men, including the president, were at the temporary White House during the momentous conference. President Mitchell and three of his district leaders represented the miners, and five railroad men and one independent mine operator, the employers.

STATE BUILDING SITES.

Are Being Allotted to the St. Louis Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 3.—A banquet was tendered last night by the Business Men's League at the Mercantile Club to the governors and commissioners, who attended the ceremonies of allotting sites for state buildings at the Louisiana purchase exposition. The visitors returned to their homes today.

I. G. Baker, of St. Louis, has received a request from Governor Toole, of Montana, to accept for him and the Montana commission the site allotted in that state. The site will probably be allotted in a few days together with the sites for Utah, West Virginia and New Hampshire.

A letter was received from Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, who is now in New York City, that he was unable to attend the allotment ceremonies this week and he asks that the site be reserved for that island.

The government \$5,000,000 appropriation will soon become available to the Exposition Company. The City of St. Louis has deposited all of its \$5,000,000 and subscribers to the \$5,000,000 of Exposition Company stock are paying their obligations so rapidly that all of the \$15,000,000 will soon be in the treasury of the company.

UNION MEN EXPLAIN.

In Series of Letters Why They Do Not Attend Church.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—The reasons why workmen do not belong to the church were related in a symposium of letters sent from members of Chicago labor unions and read by the Rev. Roy B. Guild, at a meeting of the Federated churches of the West Side last night.

The opinions of the union men were classified by Mr. Guild into 17 heads, ranging from criticisms on the alleged prevailing atmosphere to be found in the houses of worship to the principal desire of the workmen to spend the day in their own manner.

The Rev. Mr. Guild found, however, that the non-attendance of the workman as a general thing is not from absence of religious feeling. In his letter of inquiry he asked the writers' opinion of Jesus Christ and the majority of the replies indicated a deep lying spirit of reverence. Only one answer contained any sign of disrespect, and many said that Christ represented a pure type of union man. Several criticized the modern sermon, and said that the gospel was presented in an indigestible manner.

LEADING BROKER FAILS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—A. B. Stockwell, a leading member of the Consolidated Exchange, has announced his inability to meet his contracts. The amount involved is not yet known.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Judge Refuses to Naturalize a Japanese.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—After vainly searching for some legal precedent that would justify a different decision, Judge Carter has refused to grant naturalization papers to Lee Guy Dean a Japanese, who made application with a view to becoming a citizen of the United States.

"The statute on naturalization," said Judge Carter, "reads that any free white man or any native of Africa or any alien of African descent may be naturalized, but that does not apply to Mongolians, and a Japanese is surely a Mongolian."

TO BE A COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

Foxhall Keene Leases One of England's Historic Homes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Foxhall Keene the noted American sportsman and polo player, has just leased from the Marquis of Lothian, Bickling Hall, the famous Jacobin manor house near Aylsham, Norfolkshire, cables the London correspondent of the New York American.

LACK OF CARS.

DENVER, Oct. 3.—The News today says: The tremendous demand for stock cars with which to move livestock from the present scanty ranges of the West to points where feed can be had for the winter has created a condition in the livestock markets of the West never before known and one that is causing great loss and inconvenience to stockowners.

PRESIDENT BAER MAKES DEMANDS

Calls For Protection and Points Out President's Constitutional Rights.

Stand Taken by Owners is Shown to Be Determined and Defiant--Terrible Struggle Impending.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, made a statement in which he said:

"There are from 15,000 to 20,000 men at work in the mining and preparing of coal. They are abused, assaulted, injured and maltreated by the United Mineworkers. They can only work under the protection of armed guards. Thousands of other workmen are deterred from working by the intimidation, violence and crimes inaugurated by the United Mineworkers, over whom, John Mitchell, whom you invited us to meet, is the chief.

"There is a terrible reign of lawlessness and crime there. Only the lives and property of the secret, oathbound order, which declared that the locals should have full power to suspend operations at the collieries, until the non-union men joined their order, is safe. Every effort is made to prevent the mining of coal, and when mined, Mitchell's men dynamite the bridges and the tracks and by all manner of violence try to prevent its shipment to the relief of the public.

"If the power of Pennsylvania is insufficient to re-establish the reign of law, the constitution of the United States requires the president, when requested by the legislature and the governor, to suppress the domestic violence.

"Government is a contemptible failure if it can only protect the lives and property and secure the comfort of the people by compromising with the breakers of law and the instigators of violence and crime.

"We decline to accept M. Mitchell's offer to let our men work on the terms he names.

"We will add to our offer to continue the wages existing at the time of the strike and to take up with each colliery and adjust any grievance, this further condition: If employers and employes at any particular colliery cannot reach a satisfactory adjustment of any alleged grievance, it shall be referred to the judges of the court of common pleas of the district in which the colliery is situated for final determination."

John Markle, the independent coal mine operator, said

"If you desire the anthracite coal to be placed on the market quickly, take the necessary steps at once and put the federal troops in the fields, and give to those desiring work the proper protection."

The following statement was made to the president by the official representatives of the miners' union, which says:

"We have, after a most careful consideration, decided to propose a resumption of the coal mines. We are not prompted to suggest this course because of any doubts of justice of our claims. We are able to continue the struggle indefinitely, but, confident of our ability to demonstrate to any impartial tribunal the equity of our demands for higher wages and an improved environment, we propose that the issues culminating in this strike shall be referred to yourself and to your own selection, and agree to accede to your awards upon all or any of the questions involved."

NEWFOUNDLAND TREATY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Sir Cavendish Boyle, governor of Newfoundland, has arrived here on his way to England. He is going there on a personal visit unarily, but largely to discuss with members of the British government the political conditions of Newfoundland.

"Newfoundland expects," he said, to derive great benefit from the reciprocity treaty which it is hoped the premier, Sir Robert Bond, will succeed in negotiating with the United States."

PORTUGAL BUTS CATTLE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Many cattle formerly were exported from Portugal to England and France. Now, says a Times dispatch from Oporto by way of London, the tables were turned and oxen of English breed are being imported from Buenos Ayres. Two shipments have just been sold to the municipality of Lisbon.

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