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FIRST MEETING OF COMMISSION

Operators Manifest Disposition to Act Unfairly Toward Labor Unions.

WOULD LIMIT THE INQUIRY

Decided, However, That Expert Be Employed to Examine Into Wages Paid to Miners.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The anthracite coal strike commission today held its first conference with the parties to the controversy. The commission decided to begin work next Thursday, the first days of the investigation to be devoted to physical examination of the mines and the homes of the miners, starting in the vicinity of Scranton. The entire anthracite field will be covered. There was much discussion over the proposition by the commission to have expert accountants appointed to audit the statement of the wages and the classification of the miners to be made by the operators for the use of the commission, but no result was reached beyond the announcement of the chairman of the commission's intention to appoint such an accountant in case his services should be found necessary.

During the meeting President Mitchell, as the representative of the miners, presented a copy of the original declaration of the miners as formulated by the Shamokin convention, as a basis of the demands of the miners.

President Baer, on the part of the operators, took exception to Mitchell's appearance before the commission as the representative of the miners, but had no objection to his presence as a representative of the strikers in their individual capacity. The commission made no attempt to settle the controversy, but it was made apparent that the recognition of the miners' union will be an important and knotty problem for the arbitrators.

Mr. Thomas said the word "arbitration" had been applied to the commission's work, while he wanted it considered an investigation. Judge Gray said the president's instructions settled that as "arbitration." The suggestion that both sides appoint experts to examine the books of the companies was made by Judge Gray, chairman of the commission. Baer, after expressing a disinclination to accept this suggestion, said his company would submit the payrolls under oath of their accountants. After some controversy Judge Gray modified the suggestion, presenting in the shape of a proposition that only one expert accountant be appointed, who should analyze the statement made by both sides and verify the facts for the consideration of the commission. Baer and Mitchell accepted this suggestion.

President Baer said that the mine operators would furnish all the facilities at their command to enable the commissioners to make the investigation thorough, adding that they would place a special train at the disposal of the commission, providing also accommodation for the representatives of the miners. The public meeting then came to a close and the commissioners retired for a private consultation, and unanimously decided not to accept the train offered by Baer. The commissioners expect to personally pay all expenses, expecting no favors and relying on the government to reimburse them if so disposed.

MANY MEN AT WORK

Output of Coal Greater Than at Any Other Time in Months.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 27.—More coal was mined and more men were employed in mining today than at any time since the mines in the anthracite region resumed work.

The only districts that lagged behind in the output are the Lehigh and Mahoning. The individual operators and their employes in those districts are still at loggerheads.

QUATEMALAN VOLCANO IN DANGER OF ERUPTION

Santa Maria Gives Evidence of Becoming Active and Inhabitants Are Terrorized.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Since Saturday morning the volcano of Santa Maria, in the department of Quetzaltenango, northwestern part of Guatemala, has been in eruption, cables the Herald correspondent at Managua, Nicaragua. The eruption is attended with a terrifying roar and shocks are felt all over Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica. No damage has been done here, but there is great alarm.

COLOMBIA ASKS FOR MORE MONEY

Wants at Least Ten Millions for Privilege of Building Panama Canal.

FURTHER DELAY WILL ENSUE

Response Has Been Received at Washington, but Exact Nature Has Not Yet Been Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The response of the Colombian government to the proposition made by the state department for a negotiation for the canal treaty on the lines of the Spooner act has reached Washington. It is difficult to learn the exact nature of the communication but it is known that it is not altogether an unqualified acceptance of the state department's proposition and unquestionably sets back the date of a final agreement by opening new topics for argument.

For one thing, the Colombian government is now entirely dissatisfied with the small amount of payment to be made to it by the United States under the terms of the Spooner act, which it is proposed to use as a basis for a treaty. This sum is \$7,000,000. Colombia wants at least \$10,000,000.

EXPERT AUTO MAN KILLED

Death of Frank E. Elwell Result of High Speed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Frank E. Elwell of Brooklyn, an international authority on motor cycling and a frequent contributor to the magazines devoted to this sport, has been killed near Hicksville, L. I., while practicing in a club run.

The head stem of his machine broke as he was speeding along at a fast clip and he was hurled to the ground with such force that his neck was broken.

Elwell had traveled through Europe, Asia and Northern Africa on the machine that caused his death.

There were 75 cyclists in the party. Elwell was the last man in the string. As the party neared Hicksville, he put on full power in order to catch up with the others and while crossing the railroad tracks his machine suddenly fell apart. When a physician reached him he was dead.

ELLOQUENCE IN COMMONS

British Rule in Ireland Condemned—Landlords Scathingly Denounced.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Impassioned condemnation of the British rule in Ireland was heard tonight from the Nationalist section of the house of commons. William O'Brien argued that the harsh administration of the Crimes act was endangering the peace of Ireland. He accused chief secretary for Ireland, Wyndham, of employing England's power to enable the territorial magnates of Ireland to play their own game. He contended that Dublin was much more peaceable than Birmingham and said the Irish were prepared to make generous terms with the landlords if the latter would act as Irishmen instead of posing as "countryless half-caste Anglo-Irish octroonians."

MEXICANS ARE CONSTERNATED

Sun Hidden by Ashes—Public Prayers Offered for Safety.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 27.—Consternation is felt by the inhabitants of many towns in the remote south country on account of the showers of ashes falling in an extensive region from San Juan Bautista, capital of Tabasco, as far north as Salina Cruz. It is believed that the hill near Palenque has suddenly been transformed into an active volcano. Ashes falling at Palenque have hidden the sun. The Indians say the hill in Guadeloupe Sierra is vomiting fire and smoke. The people in many towns are offering prayers publicly for the safety.

EXODUS OF HOMESSEKERS

Thousands of People Leave Eastern States for the West.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: Between 40,000 and 50,000 colonists have gone into the far western, northwestern and southwestern states during September and October. The movement of homeseekers and settlers has never been so great in the history of the western railroads. During the present week the railways will carry fully 20,000 col-

onists out of Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis and other large cities. The Santa Fe alone will carry at least 3000 during the week, the orders having been given for 75 cars thus far.

TREATY WOULD BE RUINOUS

Returned By Cuba to Washington With Counter Proposition.

HAVANA, Oct. 27.—Representative of the Associated Press has learned from official sources that the proposed treaty between the United States and Cuba was returned to Washington last Saturday. With the treaty was sent a counter proposition by the government of Cuba the nature of which is not known, but it is understood that President Palma says that the acceptance of the propositions made by the United States would be ruinous to Cuba as it would result in a large reduction of customs revenue of the island.

THIEVES TAKE DIAMONDS

Jewelry Store Robbed by Unknown Parties.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Diamonds valued at \$7000 have been stolen from the vaults of the jewelry firm of Wecher & Weiman. There is no clue to the robbers. The store is located in the Masonic Temple, where a watchman is on duty all night, but he claims to have no trace of the robbers. The robbery was discovered late last night by a member of the firm who visited the store by chance.

PRICE OF COAL GOES DOWN

New York Dealers Now Selling Anthracite at \$6.50.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—More than 10,000 tons of anthracite coal reached the receiving yards and piers in Jersey City and its neighborhood. This was divided into small lots and put on retail market today, with the understanding that consumers should have it for \$6.50.

RESULT OF DISSIPATION

At One Time Wealthy Citizen, Now a Jailed Murderer.

SEATTLE, Oct. 27.—Michael Bartlett killed his wife and attempted to kill himself tonight. His attempt at suicide was a failure. He is now in jail. Bartlett was at one time rated as worth \$100,000. He squandered it all in dissipation.

HEAVY LOSSES ATTEND BATTLE

COLON, Oct. 27.—The revolutionary force under General Uribe-Urbe and General Castillo attacked La Cienega October 14. The government forces lost Colonel Penalver among the killed. The losses of the revolutionary forces is reported heavy.

J. J. HILL ADDRESSES FARMERS

CROOKSTON, Minn., Oct. 27.—President Hill of the Great Northern made an address at the farmers' convention today. Fully 12,000 farmers were present.

SIX-ROUND BOUT

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Jack Root of Chicago was given the decision over Kid Carter of Brooklyn at the end of six rounds tonight.

W. H. BREWSTER IS DEAD

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 27.—William H. Brewster, county auditor, died tonight.

BITTER FEELING STILL PREVAILS

British and Dutch in Cape Colony Are as far Apart as Before the War.

CHAMBERLAIN TO GO THERE

Purposes to Adopt Plans Whereby Satisfactory Imperial Policy for Boers May Be Secured.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Gloomy accounts of the state of affairs in Cape Colony, the Orange Colony and the Transvaal have been received here from time to time through private channels, but there has been a tendency to discredit them, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. The announcement of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's decision to proceed to South Africa in order to examine on the spot the problems presented by the termination of the war and the settlement of affairs in the new British colonies consequently caused the utmost surprise in political circles. It is tolerably certain, declares the correspondent, that if the situation had not been one of peril the colonial secretary would have left the whole matter absolutely in the hands of Lord Milner. The feeling between the British and Dutch people in Cape Colony just now is said to be more bitter than it was in the days before the war. The Transvaal and Free State colors are worn freely in Dutch towns of the Cape. The loyalists are naturally alarmed at this state of things.

Ever since Mr. Chamberlain became colonial secretary he has disregarded precedent. One notable instance, which has a slight resemblance to a master stroke of policy now initiated by him, was his visit last autumn to Malta to inquire into the position of the Maltese against compulsory adoption of the English language. When he returned to London he consulted with his colleagues, and soon afterward came an intimation that the objectionable edict had been withdrawn. It is possible that it is this experience that has prompted him to study for himself the present position of the affairs, not only at the Cape, but in England's two new colonies, so as to be able to initiate and carry out an imperial policy which will be best suited to the requirements of the whole of British South Africa.

USED IRRIGATION DITCHES

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 27.—Mayor Gilbert Hunt declared today that the supply of water at Thomas Springs, being developed for municipal purposes came from irrigation ditches and not from an underground flow. About \$22,000 has been spent by the city in developing the work at the springs. The city council will make an investigation.

THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE



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