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WILL DISPENSE WITH COMMISSION

Both Sides Express Willingness to Come Together and Effect a Conciliation.

M'VEAGH AUTHOR OF IDEA

It is Possible Settlement Cannot Be Reached in Manner Proposed—Arrangements Are Satisfactory.

SCRANTON, Nov. 21.—The miners, through their representatives have agreed with the mine owners to attempt to adjust the differences existing between them outside of the anthracite coal strike commission. The proposition was made on a compromise basis, and negotiations, it is expected, will at once be entered on, with reasonable hope of settlement, without further aid from the arbitrators.

The rough proposition which is to form the basis of negotiations is a 10 percent increase in wages, a nine-hour day, and trade agreements between the miners and the company by which they are employed. While both sides have expressed a willingness to settle the differences among themselves, it is not to be construed that it carried with it the acceptance of the terms proposed. It is possible that the foundation already laid can be wrecked by either party holding out too strongly against some question and thus leave the whole matter in the hands of the commissioners, who in the meantime will act as a sort of board of conciliation rather than as a board of arbitration. The move, one of the most important in the story of the coal strike, created a mild sensation when it became known. It was brought about by both sides seeing that the proceedings before the commission would be interminable and in the intermining of lawyers for both sides an outside agreement proposition was broached and taken up.

It cannot be officially stated which party made the proposition first, but it is generally believed to have been the operators.

Wayne MacVeagh, who carried on such a brilliant cross examination* of President Mitchell, is given credit for bringing about the present situation. The commissioners were informed of the new turn of affairs last night and at once acquiesced to the proposed arrangement.

HELD FOR DEFRAUDING ITALIAN OUT OF \$5000.

Contracts for Building Granite Blocks and Reservoirs Prove to Be Pipe Dreams.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Three men charged technically with the larceny of \$150, but who are alleged to have been the means through which the complainant lost a much larger amount have been arraigned in the police court here. They are Daniel W. Lesse alias George Rivers, George W. Palmes, whose card says he is a commissioner of the United States court of claims, and Philip H. Rhoades, a clerk connected with the Business Improvement company.

The arrests were made on a warrant secured some months ago, the complainant being Joseph Marone, an Italian contractor. Marone alleges that in answer to an advertisement, he called at Palmes' office and was taken by Palmes to the office of the Halter Investment company. There Lesse told him he had a contract to get out a quantity of granite blocks in Connecticut and wanted 500 men to work in the quarry. Rhoades is alleged to have told Marone that he had a contract for a reservoir at Providence, R. I., and wanted 1000 men.

Taking both contracts, Marone says he paid Lesse \$500 and Rhoades \$700, that he put his men to work but found out afterwards that Lesse and Rhoades did not have the contracts as they had asserted. Eventually he was compelled to pay his men \$4200.

At police headquarters it was said that Lesse's picture was in the rogue's gallery as a "commercial swindler."

SPREAD THROUGH THE NECK.

Missile Removed and It is Thought the Injured Man Will Recover.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 21.—John Leonard of Groton, an employe of a shipbuilding company, has been snared by a 10-foot strip of wood that flew from a circular saw. The lance-like missile struck him in the throat, passed entirely through his neck and 18 inches of the wood projected be-

hind his right ear. Companions saved off the greater part of the stick and Leonard walked to a building in the yard.

Physicians found that the stick had passed between the muscles and the important vessels of the throat and neck. It was impossible to withdraw it without danger of killing Leonard. All the muscles on one side of the neck had to be cut and the spear was removed from the side. Leonard will probably recover.

STUDENTS DENOUNCE USE OF PISTOLS IN DUELS.

Swords Only Should Be Used by Gentlemen in Affairs of Honor—Resolutions Passed.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—Sixty-two students' societies with a membership of 2300 from the Berlin university, the technical institute and other institutions in this city, held a great meeting in the Philharmonic hall against pistol duels between students and officers. The pistol was denounced as a weapon for American trappers and the sword was declared to be preferable, it standing upon a higher moral plane and being a more chivalrous weapon. The speakers pointed out that the German emperor had repeatedly advised the officers to practice with swords and to settle their affairs of honor with that arm, but the officers objected, on the ground that the sword is not severe enough to wash their stained honor clean.

The meeting finally adopted a resolution asking the minister of war to give the students' committee an equal voice with the officers' court of honor in settling differences between the students and officers. The resolution also asked the minister only to permit the use of pistols in the case of great family insults and when one of the parties is physically unable to fight with the sword.

TRADE WITH AMERICA DECLINES

Manufacturers Claim That Business Is Not as Good as Formerly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Yorkshire manufacturers continue to complain of declining trade with the United States, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. While there has been a meager gain of \$103,000 in exports from Leeds to the United States during the last 12 months compared with 1901, it can be explained by shipments of wool and iron rather than by an improvement in the woolen trade or metal manufactures.

In the Bradford district, the prosperity of which depends largely upon a brisk trade with the United States, the manufacturers are forced to admit that the American market is now mainly supplied with home goods. The textile trades of Leeds are suffering also. Exports of machinery, steel rods and iron from Leeds to the United States have fallen during the last quarter even from the low level of the preceding year.

PRESIDENT DESIRES PEACE

Asks for Conference to Effect Congressional Reconciliation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Several leaders in both branches of congress have been invited by the president to call on him at the executive offices next Monday. He will discuss with them features of the forthcoming message relating to trusts and tariff.

The president hopes as a result of the conference with republican leaders to pave the way for a reconciliation of any difficulties that may arise between the two houses.

CROWN PRINCE IN FRISCO

Is Well Pleased With Conditions in America—Speaks of Trade Interests

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—The crown prince of Siam arrived here tonight. The prince said the United States had realized his expectations and there was no reason why direct trade should not be established between Siam and the United States. Already the Siamese used American goods which came through Hong Kong and Singapore and were for this reason thought to be of British manufacture.

PREMIER RESIGNS

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 21.—Premier James Dunsmuir has resigned and Hon. C. I. G. Pryor, minister of mines has been called upon to call the cabinet. The composition of the cabinet will remain practically unchanged.

WHEAT IS QUOTED HIGH

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Both May and December wheat on the local board today reached \$1.40, the highest quotation in years. Present condition of wheat on this coast is strongly bullish. Cash wheat is exceedingly scarce and the farmers are holding stocks.

NAVAL VESSELS IN OCEAN RACE

Cruiser Cincinnati With Heavy Handicap Overcomes All Competitors.

ALABAMA GIVES HARD RUB

Course From Hampton Roads, Va., to San Juan, Porto Rico and Contest Lasted for Five Days.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Carrying a great white bone in her teeth and with phosphorescent spray dashing high upon her sharp bows, the cruiser Cincinnati forged abreast of Culebra light at midnight last night, a winner in the greatest ocean race of warships ever run on the North Atlantic seaboard, says a Herald dispatch from San Juan, Porto Rico.

Barely two miles astern of the cruiser flashed the white searchlight of the great battleship Alabama. She had distanced all her rivals of the heavy weight class and had shown her quality by putting up a hammer-and-tongs struggle all the way from Hampton Roads, Va., with the fleet-footed cruiser.

One by one she had left behind the little gunboat Machias, the Indiana, the new battleship Kearsarge, her own particular rival, and last of all, the plucky Massachusetts, sister ship of the Oregon.

That the comparatively old Massachusetts was a stronger competitor than the Kearsarge is one of the surprises of the race.

This is the first time in its history that the ships of the North Atlantic squadron have engaged in such a long distance speed contest in the open sea.

As a component part of the great fleet of warships now assembling for the winter naval maneuvers under command of Admiral Dewey, the North Atlantic squadron was ordered, after assembling at Hampton Roads, to proceed to the naval rendezvous off Culebra light, the beacon that gleams from the pinnacle of a rocky little island off San Juan Point, Porto Rico.

Five of the ships lined up for the start at noon on Saturday—the Alabama, the Kearsarge, the Massachusetts, the Indiana and the Machias, baby of the fleet. The last named is a gunboat only 190 feet long and of 1000 tons displacement. The other four are battleships.

The Massachusetts and Indiana are sister vessels, launched in 1893 and with the Oregon, not entered in this contest, they mark the earlier type of first-class battleships of the new navy. The Kearsarge and the Alabama represented later types of sea-fighters.

At the flash of the gun the levathans were off to sea with full head of steam and in 15 minutes all were ploughing through the ocean headed for Culebra, with widening mainstrops of white spume boiling from under their pounding screws. Almost from the start the Alabama began to forge ahead of her rivals. She gained visibly on the Indiana and the little Machias. The Kearsarge was regarded as her most dangerous adversary of the battleship class.

No device was neglected on either of the giants of the fleet to speed them to their limit. Smoke poured from their huge stacks and their decks quivered above the throbbing engines. Four hours from the start, just before twilight, the Alabama left the Kearsarge hull down astern with only her fighting tops in sight.

Barring accident, it was the Alabama's race, so far as the battleships were concerned but at sundown Monday the lookout at the stern of the leader sighted the Cincinnati coming up like a race horse held in check for the finish. She had made up her handicap, had passed all the others and was now speeding in the wake of her sole competitor.

It seemed a hopeless task for the battleship to try to hold the cruiser, but she made a brave fight of it all day Monday and on Tuesday and Wednesday. She cheered her rival as the latter slowly forged ahead and then ahead of her, almost within sight of the goal.

When Culebra light was picked up the Alabama was under forced draught and going at a terrific clip, but she could not close up the gap. Barely two miles astern of the cruiser at midnight she over to. The Kearsarge, Massachusetts, Indiana and Machias were not in sight at the finish.

UNPOPULAR DECISION

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Billy Rothford won the decision over George Mun-

roe before the Apollo Athletic club last night. The men put up a scientific contest. Munroe did some clever work with his left while Rothford made many misses with his right. The decision was unpopular.

IMPORTANT RULING MADE BY SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Precedent Established Whereby All Employees of Navy Yard Can Appear Before Board of Wages.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Secretary Moody has made an important ruling by which employes in the government navy yard are allowed to present to the board of wages direct any question affecting the rate of wages. The secretary states that his decision is to form a precedent and will apply to all navy yards of the government. In his letter he says:

"I desire to establish the following precedent, viz: That a committee of workmen in any trade in the yard by making application to the commandant shall be permitted to appear before the board of wages and present data concerning the rate of wages paid to workmen in their trade in the vicinity of the yard and make explanation concerning conditions under which the work is performed, and that the data presented and statements made shall be given careful consideration by the board in submitting its recommendation of wage rates."

YOUNG STUDENT KILLED

Cruel Bullet Speeds Past Target and Ends Boy's Life.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—August Lauer, seven years of age, has been killed near his home in Brooklyn by Peter Bumhoff, a pigeon fancier.

August, with some playmates, was on the roof of a barn reading when Bumhoff discovered a "coaxer" among his pigeon cotes. Procuring a rifle he fired at the strange bird which was endeavoring to lead away his pet.

The rifle ball passed through the pigeon and sped on to the adjoining building where the children were pouring over their studies in the open air, unknown to the man who fired the shot. August was sitting near the edge of the roof. The bullet struck and killed him instantly, his body falling to the street 25 feet below.

Bumhoff was horrified at the result of his marksmanship. He was arrested on a charge of homicide.

REFUSES JURY TRIAL

County Clerk in Colorado Charged With Violating Court's Injunctions.

DENVER, Nov. 21.—District Judge Johnson today refused jury trial to Julius Achle, clerk of Arapahoe county, on the charge of contempt in certifying names on registration lists prior to the late election after he had been enjoined from doing so. Judge Johnson held that the amendment to the code allowing jury trial in contempt cases was unconstitutional.

PEACE AT LAST

Revolutionary Leader Signs Treaty With Government Representatives.

PANAMA, Nov. 21.—Consul General Gudgey landed from the battleship Wisconsin at four o'clock bringing the news that a treaty of peace had been signed this afternoon by the revolutionary leader, General Herrera, and the government commissioner.

DINN'S REPORT

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Dunn's Review says: Failures for the week are 266 in the United States, as against 218 for last year.

TRAIN OUTRAN VOLCANIC DEBRIS

At First Sign of Danger Railroad President Boards Private Car and Escapes Death.

LOSS OF LIFE EQUALS 10,000

Everybody Trying to Leave Devastated Country—Refugees Are Members of Families of Wealthy Planters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—President Adolph Meyer, of the Champerico railroad, had a picturesque escape from death near the Guatemalan volcano, Santa Maria. At the first sign of serious danger, Mr. Meyer ordered that his private car be coupled to the most powerful engine in the place, and that the train be held in readiness for departure at a moment's notice. When the rain of stone, sand and ashes became thick and heavy, threatening death to all the inhabitants of the region, he ordered his engineer to run at full speed to Champerico, and he was carried away through the darkness in a wild race with the black storm of destruction. The railroad president, in his private car, outran the danger, and the farther he got away the lighter was the fall of the volcanic debris.

The steamer Amagosa, which arrived here with the above information, reports that she was boarded at Champerico by agents of the Kosmos and other lines, and that they reported the loss of life was estimated at 10,000 and it was reported that 25 pueblos or Indian villages were ruined. At Champerico there were many refugees desiring to leave the country. The refugees consisted mostly of the families of wealthy planters.

HAD KILLED TWENTY PEOPLE

Desperate Criminal in Arizona Dies on the Gallows.

SOMONVILLE, Ariz., Nov. 21.—Augustin Chacon was hanged here today. Chacon was one of the most desperate outlaws whose crown deeds have been recorded in the annals of Arizona. It is believed he had killed at least a score of persons.

The crime for which he was executed today was the murder of Paul Becker on Christmas day, 1896.

FUSILADE OF SHOTS

Take Place at Prizefight—One Man Killed.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Nov. 21.—Trouble arose at a prize fight at Oklahoma City tonight and 15 shots were fired. Goldie Wilson fell dead and his brother is fatally injured and two unknown men are shot through the shoulder and another through the leg.

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