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OBJECTIONS MADE TO CONFERENCES

Independent Operators Oppose Settlement of Strike Outside of Commission.

HEARING WILL BE RESUMED

Assert That Treating Directly With the Miners Will Be Palpable Confession of Wrong Doing.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—A serious hitch occurred today in the plans for a settlement of the coal strike controversy by a conference between the coal operators and miners' union and it is now almost certain that final adjustment of the points at issue will be referred again to the Gray commission.

At a meeting to the presidents of the coal roads and a large number of independent operators a strong protest was entered by the latter against treating directly with the miners.

H. L. Fleming, who is an official of the anthracite operators' association, speaking for the delegation, said:

"The independents have stood shoulder to shoulder with the coal road operators, and their treatment of us at this time is incomprehensible. We desire to appear before the commission and will show our books if necessary."

This afternoon S. C. Simpson, representing the independent operators, gave out a statement addressed to Messrs. Baor, Thomas, Truesdale, Oilphunt, Fowler and Walter, in which they vigorously protest against the proposed plan to settle the questions now before the anthracite coal strike commission for the following reasons:

"1. We believe that such a settlement at this time and upon the basis suggested would forever establish the power and perpetuate the injustice perpetrated by the United Mineworkers.

"2. That such settlement would be, in the eyes of the public, a confession that we have heretofore been guilty of all the offenses charged against us by the said mineworkers.

"3. That we have and believe that you have such a perfect and complete defense to the allegations made by the complainants before the commission that any money awarded the commission would render would be far less than the amount we understood that it is proposed to concede, especially to miners and their laborers.

"4. That aside from any money considerations this commission, composed as we believe, of men that are absolutely fair, unbiased and of unusual experience and good judgment in their findings, will make such declaration as will for many years put a ban upon unlawful practices, oppression of non-union men, unjustifiable demands and other grievances that we have been suffering under since 1900 when the union first took possession of our property."

PROPOSED CONFERENCE WITH MITCHELL IS WITHDRAWN

Result of Conference in New York Completely Upsets Plans for Future Personal Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—All prospects for an understanding between the United Mineworkers and coal operators outside of the anthracite coal strike commission came to a sudden termination this afternoon through the receipt of a dispatch to Wayne MacVeagh notifying him that at the meeting of anthracite coal road men in New York it had been decided not to grant an interview to Mitchell and his associates. The announcement coming as it did after a day of conference in this city between MacVeagh and Mitchell and his associates, in an endeavor to adjust the details of the proposed agreement between the operators and the miners completely surprised everyone here.

It is learned that the proposition that the operators meet Mitchell on Friday next was made at the instance of MacVeagh. From statements made by Mr. Darrow early in the day, the impression had spread that a complete agreement would be effected today but when the meeting broke up, Darrow read to newspaper men a statement which made it clear that no conference was likely.

Mitchell when shown the dispatch telling of the action of the operators said he had not asked for a conference. Darrow said it was "Up to the operators," and that he would return to

Scranton and appear before the commission ready to go on with the hearing.

MITCHELL IS CONFIDENT

Leaves Washington Believing Miners Will Win Out.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—President Mitchell of the United Mineworkers, accompanied by his counsel arrived from Washington tonight. Mitchell was asked if he considered that the action of the coal road presidents had weakened their case before the commission. He said:

"I do not want to say what they have done, but I have no doubt that we will win our case."

MURDER AND PILLAGE CONTINUE IN MACEDONIA.

High Officials Disguised as Soldiers Plunder Homes and Attack Defenseless Women.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—In spite of the comforting assurances that the Macedonian insurrection is ended, numerous armed bands continue, says a Times dispatch from Salonika, by way of London, to hold their ground in the inaccessible districts and sporadic disturbances are constantly reported.

In the last fortnight there have been four encounters in the Strumitz district between Bulgarian bands and vendarmes. A few on both sides were killed and wounded. In two instances villagers fled and their homes were plundered.

In another dispatch brigands captured and pillaged a village. The only result of this outrage was that 27 villagers were arrested and brought to Salonika.

In the Salonika district an attack was made on the house of a headman of a village. He escaped, but his wife and two sons and two daughters were bayoneted. It is said, by emissaries of the Macedonian committee, disguised as vendarmes.

A band of 400 attempting to invade Turkish territory from Bulgaria were repulsed with considerable loss. The invaders wore Bulgarian uniforms. Another band raided a Bulgarian village in the Petrich district, which is ostensibly the revolution because it is subject to the jurisdiction of the patriarchate. One of the principal inhabitants was killed and two others were injured.

LATE HERR KRUPP FIERCELY ASSAILED

German Paper Severely Condemns Career of Famous Manufacturer of Guns.

WAS BOGUS PHILANTHROPIST

Funds Devoted to Charity Extorted From Employees—German Navy Charged Exorbitant Prices.

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—The Socialist organ, Vorwaerts, in a page and a half today deals with what it calls the "hypocrisy of idealizing Herr Krupp as a benevolent genius." The paper does not touch on the immediate charges which it brought against the deceased, but analyzes the pension system of the Krupp firm, which, it says, is a "species of refined swindling," adding:

"The enormous so-called benevolent funds have been built up by compulsory contributions from the employees who could be arbitrarily deprived of participation in the advantages. They are required to contribute 2 1/2 percent of their wages for 20 years before they are eligible to a pension upon disability. In the meantime if an employee is discharged or resigns he loses all he had contributed, often exceeding \$250. The number of men leaving or discharged during the past three years averaged seven to eight thousand yearly. The employees found the system so unsatisfactory that five great meetings were held this year for the purpose of seeking legal redress."

The paper also quotes the German budget committee proceedings as showing that the Krupp works have been charging the navy \$100 per ton above what the United States pays for nickel steel plates, amounting yearly to \$750,000, for Herr Krupp and the works. This has caused a furious political discussion, the Socialists calling attention to the degrading influence of great wealth and the Conservatives pointing out "the desperate character of the Socialist attack upon the existing order of society."

ACTED THE PART OF PAUPER FOR 20 YEARS.

Woman Who Wrote Piteous Letters to Charitable People and Lived a Life of Ease.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—After admitting that for 20 years she had been sending begging letters to prominent people including recent ones to high government officials, Mrs. Annie Mayers has been sentenced to the work house for six months.

Agents of the charity organizations brought about the woman's conviction. They charge that she has accumulated considerable property through piteous appeals to well known persons in society; that she lived a life of ease and spent parts of the season at the seashore and in the mountains. They claimed to have about 1000 letters signed by the woman which had been turned over to the society by their recipients for the purpose of investigation.

NO BEGGING ALLOWED.

Scheme on Foot to Stop Professionals From Plying Trade.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—In his annual report of the central council of the Charity Organization society, President Robert De Forest describes a novel method which has just been adopted for the purpose of detecting and punishing professional begging and syndicates of mendicancy. It is proposed to establish a record bureau similar to the rogues' gallery of the police department, where detailed records of beggars are accessible, the object being to deter habitual mendicants from plying their trade in New York and other large cities.

CLEVELAND WILL PRESIDE

Responds To An Invitation From School for Colored People.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—Grover Cleveland has accepted an invitation to preside at a public meeting to be held here December 11, in the interests of the Barcan Manual Training and Industrial school for colored people. Cleveland will make an address.

Among other speakers will be Chas. Emory Smith, Col. A. K. McClure and Booker T. Washington.

OCHILTREE IS DEAD

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 25.—Colonel Thomas Ochiltree died today of heart failure.

He had been in a sinking condition since yesterday morning.

CASTRO HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE

Revolution Is Dead and Nation's Enemies Are Scattered and Disorganized.

WILL FULFILL PROMISES

Venezuela Will Meet Threatening Front of Colombia With Overtures for Peaceful Settlement.

CARACAS, Nov. 25.—President Castro, in an interview today said:

"The revolution received its deathblow at La Victoria. In spite of superior numbers the rebels were defeated and their principal leader was compelled to seek refuge in a foreign land. I receive news daily of the disintegration of Matos' followers.

"A campaign has been inaugurated against Barcelona and Ciudad Bolivar by a strong and seasoned army, which assures its success. By the 1st of January I am confident I shall be able to officially proclaim peace. I cannot imagine that Matos will continue the revolution. The support which he had six months ago he cannot command today.

"The government is resolved to execute in spirit and letter its directions contained in the proclamation of November 3, and to be liberal and magnanimous to its opponents, and the latter can have no reason to refuse it their loyal assistance.

"With respect to Colombia, the government of Venezuela is advised that there has been another invasion of our territory from that country, the seventh in three years. It is our earnest desire to avert war with Colombia, and we are prepared to arrange for a settlement when peace is declared and the courts resume their functions."

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

French and American Doctors Agree as to Mrs. Gore's Death.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—The result of an autopsy conducted by American doctors on the body of Mrs. Ellen Gore tends to the acceptance of the theory of accident, thus bringing French and American doctors into an agreement and relieving the case of any international significance.

CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

Firm Stand Taken by Cuban Government Insures Peace.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A cablegram received at the state department from Minister Squires at Havana reports that the government is taking a firm stand and that the strike situation is better.

CRUIERS IN TARGET PRACTICE.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 25.—The cruiser Boston has arrived here from southern waters. It is stated that the Boston will remain here two or three weeks for target practice and that the New York and Marblehead are under orders to join the Boston in Santa Barbara channel as soon as possible.

NAVAL RECRUITS DISTRIBUTED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Naval recruits to the number of 306 have left the New York navy yard for San Francisco in command of Lieutenant-Commander Doherty. They are to be distributed among the ships of the Pacific and Asiatic stations.

STEAMER QUITO ASHORE

LORRRAINE, Ohio, Nov. 25.—The steamer Quito ran ashore tonight during a northeast gale. The captain and 13 of his crew were rescued. Two foreigners and one mate were left in the engine room, and an effort will be made by the life saving crew to rescue them. LATER—The three men have been taken off by the life saving crew.

HAS SLAVERY RETURNED?

LANCASTER, Ky., Nov. 25.—Two negro women and one negro man will be sold by the sheriff to the highest bidder before the courthouse on Friday, one for three months, and the others for two and three years respectively. They were convicted of vagrancy.

BREAKS RECORD WITH KICK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The world's records for high kicking have been broken at the semi-annual games of the Twenty-second regiment, N. G. S.

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