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Wilkesbarre, Oct. 21—The Miners' convention opened at 10 o'clock this morning.

It became early apparent that last night's consideration and discussion had won over many of those who at first opposed surrender.

Before the credentials committee reported, one of the delegates asked Mitchell if the independent operators were included in the agreement of arbitration. Mitchell made a brief talk, and said the understanding was very clear that all the operators who signed the proposition did so for all the companies.

Speeches along the line of adoption were heard while awaiting the report of the committee on resolutions. One delegate created a sensation by declaring that talk on the question of adopting the resolution had gone long enough, and men who held back because of the personal sacrifice involved would accept better positions and forget the cause of unionism entirely if they had an opportunity.

The committee on resolutions reported, declaring for resumption of work Thursday next, and that a copy be sent to President Roosevelt.

A motion for adoption was about to be put, when a delegate interposed and opened the discussion afresh. The speaker was almost drowned with prolonged cries for "Question."

Mitchell, with difficulty quelled the noise, and said that until the last man had been heard he would not put the question to a vote.

Secretary Wilson, in a lengthy address also urged the acceptance of the proposition.

The strike was settled at 12 o'clock. President Mitchell, after hearing all who desired to speak, and patiently answering all questions, put the question and it was carried with no dissenting vote.

Prior to the passing of the resolution it was fully given by Mitchell, having been translated into Lithuanian, Polish and Lavish.

Mitchell announced that he had received word from President Roosevelt that the arbitration board would meet immediately after the convention adopted the resolution. He also said that in his opinion the commission would report within a month.

It was further resolved that permission be granted to workmen to start work tomorrow, in order to prepare the mines for opening Thursday.

The question of protecting the men

who can't get their old places back was left to the district leaders.

Father Curran was given an ovation when he made a speech. Mitchell asked the press to state for him that all engineers, firemen, pumpmen, foremen, stadle bosses, railroad men, and all that class of special labor necessary for getting the machinery in order shall return to work tomorrow.

With great fervor the entire convention arose and sang "America." Mitchell joined heartily and the convention adjourned sine die.

Reports received from different points in the anthracite field indicate that great joy, verging almost on insanity, prevails, now that a decision has been made.

Washington, Oct. 21—President Roosevelt has called the arbitration commission to meet in Washington Friday.

Labor Commissioner Wright, who has been investigating the subject is of the opinion that the arbitration commission will be compelled to pay its own expenses, trusting to congress to reimburse them. He believes the cost of investigation will exceed \$10,000.

Tamaqua, Oct. 22—In the Panther creek valley the pumpmen and firemen reported for work this morning at Landford and Summit Hill.

A mass meeting with bonfires had full sway all night.

At Condale, while celebrating, a militia man in an altercation with a non-union man was fatally shot.

At Greenwood colliery only one engineer reported for work. The mine is owned by Markle, who failed to sign the arbitration papers.

Hazleton, Oct. 22—The Markle Company posted notices this morning notifying the employees to apply individually for work tomorrow. Excitement followed the announcement, as the miners fear they will be requested to renounce their union.

Portland, Oct. 22—Two of the largest and finest stern wheel steamers ever constructed will be built in this city within the next few months.

One of these, which will cost \$100,000 and will equal the old Wide West in size and elegance, is for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Puget Sound business.

The other is a new Telephone, to take the place of the old White Collar liner bearing that name.

The contracts for the hulls and machinery of both boats will be let separately, and interested parties are already figuring on the plans and specifications.

That a company having headquarters on Puget Sound and needing a boat in that business, should come to Portland to have it built may seem little strange, but the action is due to the fact that in no other port of earth has the modern stern wheel steamer reached such a high state of development as on the Columbia River.

Heretofore the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has paid little attention to inland marine traffic, but the business between a large number of the rapidly growing Puget Sound cities has increased to such an extent that it is branching out.

San Francisco, Oct. 23—It is learned in an authentic quarter that all of Spreckels Bros. interests in Coos county are under bond to the Great Central Railroad or some one in New York acting in the interest of that corporation.

It is stated that the sum named in the bond is \$1,500,000. It includes 25 miles of railroad now in operation between Marshfield and Myrtle Point, about 2,000 acres of land, chiefly coal bearing, the coal mine of the company which are capable of yielding 700 tons of coal a day, much city property and wharves at Marshfield, together with the iron collier Czarina.

Of course the railroad spurs to the mines are included, as well as the town of Beaver Hill, at the mine of the same name.

All the material interests of Spreckels Bros. in Coos county are put in this option.

It is also said that the Glasgow townsite and coal lands on the north side of Coos Bay has been bonded by or for the Great Central Railroad for \$300,000.

Portland, Oct. 23—President J. Thurn Ross of the Great Central Railroad was asked last night about the report of a bond or option on the Spreckels interests in Coos county. He said it would be premature for him to make any statement at this time. He had no information that he felt authorized to give out for publication and did not wish to either confirm or deny the report.

Chief Engineer Kinney is in Roseburg.

Wilkesbarre, Oct. 23—One hundred and fifteen thousand men reported for work this morning, a large percentage of which were employed immediately. Some mines were not yet in condition for work, so took only such men as they could use.

It is apparent that there are more places than there are men to fill them. Those who left the field during the strike are returning in large numbers and within a week several thousand are expected to report.

The only men not sure of work are the engineers and firemen, and these are offered other work until the vacancies occur. The outlook is that within two weeks conditions will adjust themselves and there will be no idle men.

Scranton, Oct. 23—Two hundred and fifty strikers formerly employed by the Peoples Coal Company colliery marched back after they had applied for work this morning, pursuant to the order of Mitchell, when they had found the gates locked.

Manager Crawford says he wants no union men. Some of the miners' dinner pails were filled with the last morsels of food from their scanty larders, and they returned to their homes bitterly disappointed.

Chicago, Oct. 23—Within a few hours every member of the International Association of Stationary Engineers and Firemen will be ordered by National President Morton to refuse to handle one pound of anthracite coal until every member of the organization affected by the strike in the anthracite region is reinstated on the basis on which the miners went to work. Unless this is adjusted, it will seriously affect all manufactory and gas plants.

Skamokin, Oct. 23—Two thirds of the collieries in this district reopened this morning. Few engineers and firemen were reinstated.

Tamaqua, Oct. 23—In Panther creek valley this morning when thousands of employes of the Lehigh Coal Company reported for work they were met by armed deputies in the company's employ, who refused admittance to the collieries.

The operators say they anticipate numerous petty strikes and trouble with union men the coming year, hence they propose to assert their authority, and not permit Mitchell to say when the whistle shall blow. They say the men shall start to work only when the company agrees.

The men will look for work in other places.

Scranton, Oct. 23—General resumption work has been inaugurated here.

Hazleton, Oct. 23—Only a few of the collieries resumed work today. The operators are demanding agreements not to interfere with non-union men, and to abide by arbitration, which was refused.

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