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Senator Hanna's Using His Influence With Operators, and Miners Are Hopeful.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Sept. 28.—The coal strike remains unsettled. Reports of a conference of mine operators and the leading officials of the coal carrying railroads were plentiful. Beyond a general statement that the principal point under discussion was the advisability or practicability of granting the mine workers a 10 per cent advance in wages, very little of the details of the meeting could be learned. The operators generally expressed the opinion that the increase could not be granted and the operating expenses met, unless there was an advance in the price of coal.

The larger operating companies, however, took a rather hesitating view of the proposals to further increase the price of anthracite, contending that the competition of the bituminous coal was now too sharp.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, is reticent on the general question of accepting a 10 per cent increase, without other concessions, and declined to be interviewed on that point. Meantime the strike leaders are continuing their efforts to induce the working miners to join in the strike. Quiet prevailed today throughout the mine region.

All eyes were turned toward New York, in an expectancy of some important announcement from there.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 28.—The operators here admit that Senator Hanna is the central figure in the negotiations for a settlement of the strike, and while they profess to be at sea as to the details, they are confident that he knows beforehand what will be acceptable to the miners, and that whatever conditions he has exacted or is exacting from the coal men in New York, will be nothing less than what will be fully satisfactory to the miners.

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