

"ARBITRATE!" CRY BARONS

Coal Operators Come Down From Pedestals.

STRIKE MAY SOON END

Magnate Morgan Brings About a Conference at Washington at Which Operators Accept Proposition of Miners for Arbitration.

A Washington special says: The operators have agreed to the appointment of a commission, to be appointed by the president of the United States to whom shall be referred all questions at issue between the companies and their own employees, whether they belong to a union or not, and the decision of the commission shall be accepted by the operators.

The commission is to consist of an army or navy officer, an expert mining engineer not connected with coal mining properties, one of the judges of the United States courts of the eastern district of Pennsylvania, a man of prominence, eminent as a sociologist, and a man who, by active participation in mining and selling coal, is familiar with the physical and commercial features of the business.

The operators also make as part of their proposition that the miners shall return to work as soon as the commission is constituted, and cease all interference with non-union men.

The commission is to name a date when its findings shall be effective, and to govern conditions of employment between the companies and their own employees for at least three years.

SUPREME COURT RECONVENES.

New Members Admitted and President Called Upon.

A Washington special says: After the usual summer recess, the United States supreme court reconvened at noon Monday for the October term. No business beyond the admission of new members of the bar was transacted. This was in accordance with the custom of devoting the first day's sitting to a call on the president.

The court was not in session to exceed five minutes and immediately after the adjournment the justices doffed their official robes and, taking carriages, proceeded to the temporary white house, where they were presented formally to President Roosevelt.

CASTRO FORCES REPULSED.

Meet Heavy Defeat in Hot Engagement With Rebels.

Advices from Willemstad, Curacao, state that the troops of the Venezuelan government have been repulsed while reattempting to occupy Coro, capital of the state of Falcon, and sustained heavy losses. A schooner, with sixty men on board, was sunk. An engagement was fought at Gortaba, three hours from Caracas, Saturday. The government force was defeated, losing 112 men. The revolutionists have almost completely encircled Caracas.

AFTER ALLEGED SWINDLERS.

Valdosta Fruit Growers to Prosecute Pittsburg Broker.

The fruit and melon growers in the vicinity of Valdosta, Ga., who lost so heavily the past summer by the swindling operations of some northern buyers, are preparing to even up things if possible. Sheriff Passmore went to Pittsburg, Pa., last week with a warrant for the arrest of James D. O'Brien, a fruit broker of that city. A telegram from the sheriff Monday night stated that he had secured his man and was en route to Georgia with him.

PENALTY FOR USUAL CRIME.

Henry Jones, Colored, Hanged Publicly at Elberton, Ga.

Henry Jones, colored, was executed at Elberton, Ga., Friday afternoon in the presence of thousands of men and women for an assault upon a white woman.

The drop fell at 1:07 o'clock. Death was caused by strangulation, the body having caught on the trap door, from where it was released by the officers.

GROCCERS' TRUST PROPOSED.

Report that Wholesalers of United States Will Combine Interests.

The Interstate Grocer, of St. Louis, states that a combine, to include every wholesaler of groceries in the United States, is in the course of formation.

"It is proposed," says that paper, "to take over the business of the entire line of wholesale grocers in the United States. One great corporation will be formed, which will buy outright the business and good will of all the firms."

Cream of News.

Brief Summary of Most Important Events of Each Day.

—Judge Speer refuses to confirm sale of Millen and Tennie, Ga., cotton mills, holding that the price is too small.

—A strong effort is being made by America, Ga., to secure location of the Presbyterian college, and site and \$5,000 in cash has been promised as an inducement.

—The street car strike in New Orleans ended Sunday. The men agreed to accept company's terms.

—Senator Quay had a conference with the president Sunday on the situation of the coal strike.

—The crown prince of Siam arrived at Washington Saturday.

—The hunt for the men who held up a Burlington railroad train near Lincoln, Neb., and robbed it, so far proves unsuccessful.

—South Dakota reports several inches of snow.

—Farmers' National congress declines to indorse ship subsidy bill and after session of four days at Macon, Ga., and adjourn meeting.

—Ben Nussbaum, representative-elect from Decatur county, Ga., died suddenly at Bainbridge, Ga.

—Cotton mill men agree on plan of big merger at meeting in Greensboro, N. C.

—Miners and operators of Sloss-Sheffield Company, in Blue Creek district, Alabama, reach agreement and strike is averted.

—Stranded ship Apache, which collided with the Iroquois near Charleston, will soon be floated.

—The strike in the anthracite region is no nearer a settlement. Governor Odell denounced the attitude of the operators at a conference in New York.

—The next encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in San Francisco. Before adjournment a resolution urging fraternal attitude toward Confederate veterans was adopted.

—Crazed by pondering over an appliance for an airplane, young Charles Cawley, of Pittsburg, brainied mother, sisters and brothers with an ax.

—The Merrimack Manufacturing Company, of Massachusetts, will invest \$1,600,000 in a cotton factory at Huntsville, Ala.

—Admiral Casy will act as mediator between the Colombian government and the rebels on the isthmus of Panama.

—Three hundred children from the Georgia Orphans' Home sang patriotic airs to farmers' congress in Macon, Ga., Thursday, and northern burials mingled with rebel yells.

—Negro prisoner attacks Constable Pauk, near Irwsville, Ga., and after beating him robs officer and makes good his escape.

—Steamships Iroquois and Apache, of the Clyde line, collided near Charleston Thursday and both were badly damaged.

—Coal supply is exhausted at Raleigh, N. C., and mines in state are urged to increase output.

—Issue of bonds will be necessary to meet half million dollar debt in Mississippi.

—President Roosevelt shakes politics in appointment of Alabama officials.

—President Mitchell, of the mine workers, in his reply to suggestion of President Roosevelt, that the strike be declared off, refuses to do so and says responsibility of strike rests on the operators.

—Three men were killed and another one mortally wounded in a street fight at Eldorado, Ark., Thursday afternoon.

—Delay on the part of Cubans in not approving the treaty submitted to them causes great concern at Washington, as this indifference shows that the Cubans are not desirous of cultivating friendly commercial relations with America.

—A general strike of workmen has been ordered in Switzerland.

—The Grand Army of the Republic elected General Stewart, of Massachusetts, as commander in chief.

—Ambassador White has a degree conferred on him by the Germans.

—President Diaz, of Mexico, has sent troops to the scene of the strike on the National railroad.

—Southern lumbermen unite in call for meeting at St. Louis in December, the object of which is to form a national association of lumber manufacturers.

—Interstate fair at Atlanta opened to the public under most favorable auspices, and with large crowds present.

—Dr. C. M. Beckwith, of Galveston, Texas, is elected bishop by the Episcopal see of Alabama.

—Warden of Mississippi penitentiary is charged with failure to turn over to state money received for cotton seed.

—Negroes of Alabama thank President Roosevelt for appointing democratic district attorney instead of "illy white" republican.

—Consul Brags has been transferred from Havana to China because he wrote a letter to his wife reflecting on the Cubans.

—Seaboard Air Line has effected arrangement with the Frisco, giving one entry to the west and the other outlet to the sea.

—Grand jury at Columbus, N. C., indicted Ponder brothers for arson, charging that they set fire to store in order to get insurance.

—Sharp discussion was precipitated Wednesday at meeting of National Farmers' Congress in Macon, Ga., by speech asking for tariff on certain products of United States.

ROBBERS GET GOLD

Three Bold Masked Men Hold Up Train in Nebraska.

SECURED \$50,000 BY DYNAMITE

One Robber Kept Passengers Quiet While Two Broke Into Express Car, Covered Messenger and Wrecked Safe.

Three masked men held up the Pacific coast express train of the Burlington road four miles from Lincoln, Nebraska, shortly before 2 o'clock Saturday morning. They used explosives in the express car, shattering it badly, and after wrecking the safe fitted it of its contents, securing \$50,000 in gold coin.

The train was a few minutes late and was in charge of Conductor C. A. Lyman and Engineer A. L. Clayburn. On the crest of a hill midway between the city and the town of Woodlawn the engineer saw a red light waver across the track and brought the train to a standstill. Two men sprang quickly into the cab, covering Clayburn and his fireman with revolvers. They lost no time in giving their orders and were just as quickly obeyed.

The express car was cut from the balance of the train and sent a head a short distance. The robbers found the door locked, and after commanding messenger William Lupton to open it and getting no response, fired two or three shots into the car. The door was then opened. A heavy charge of dynamite tore the safe to pieces. The two men who were in the car politely bade the trainmen good morning, jumped from the car and disappeared in the darkness. The passengers were not molested, nor were the train men asked for their personal property.

While the robbery in the express car was going on, a third robber walked alongside the track by the passenger coaches firing his revolver occasionally to keep inquisitive passengers quiet. Brakeman Moore, who alighted from the rear coach to go ahead, found a revolver pushed in his face with a warning to go back where he belonged. He ran the four miles back to the Lincoln yards, where he gave the alarm, and pursuit was immediately begun.

The booty of the robbers consisted principally of gold coin. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Burlington for the capture of the gang.

COTTON GROWERS TAKE ACTION.

Important Resolutions are Passed at Meeting Held in Macon, Georgia.

Six hundred cotton growers, representing all but three of the cotton growing states of the United States, met in Macon, Ga., the past week and adopted a resolution asking the government not to transfer the work of the government's division of statistics to any other department, or to do any other thing that might impair the usefulness of the division. The resolution recited that this is a critical time with the cotton growing industry, as the Mexican boll weevil has spread to every part of Texas, and has decreased the yield of the plant this season. 500,000 bales, and is rapidly making its way into the states east of Texas. The resolution deprecated any attempt to minimize the influence of the department.

The resolution was introduced by E. S. Peters, president of the Cotton Growers of Texas.

Resolutions were also adopted demanding that only twenty-two pounds of cotton be deducted from each bale as tare, instead of the thirty demanded, on export cotton. It was agreed that if the cotton buyers refuse this demand, the Cotton Growers' Association in each township or county shall direct to the spinners. All papers were requested to publish these resolutions.

Another resolution by F. D. Wimberly, of Georgia, called upon the cotton growers of the south to raise their own hog and hominy, so they will be in a position to hold their cotton.

DEATH CLAIMED DELEGATE.

Member of Farmers' Congress from Nebraska Dies in Valdosta.

J. R. Cantland, a delegate to the National Farmers' congress from Blair, Neb., was stricken with apoplexy and died in a few minutes at Valdosta, Ga., Saturday.

Three hundred members of the congress, which had been in session at Macon, reached Valdosta on a special train and were entertained at dinner at the Valdes hotel, after which they were tendered an elaborate reception at the parlors of the Elks' Club. It was during the exercises that Mr. Cantland was stricken.

BIG STRIKE IN SWITZERLAND.

All Workmen Ordered Out in Sympathy with Street Car Men.

A dispatch to a London news agency from Geneva, Switzerland, announces that the workmen's national committee has decreed a general strike throughout Switzerland, in sympathy with the strike of the street car employees there. Troops are held in readiness to deal with any disorder.

St. Louis Bootlers Arraigned.

Delegates Emil Hartmann, Louis Decker and John Sheridan were arraigned in court at St. Louis Wednesday on charges of bribery, and pleaded not guilty. They were remanded to jail.

Bad Fire in Birmingham.

An explosion in the warehouse of the Moore & Handley Hardware Company, in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday morning caused a fire which destroyed property valued at \$200,000 before it was checked.

ONUS ON THE OPERATORS.

Mitchell's Reply to President Roosevelt's Urgent Appeal to End Strike is Made Public.

As predicted, Mitchell's answer to President Roosevelt's proposition that the strike be declared off pending an investigation, is an uncompromising refusal. In part the reply is as follows:

"Having in mind our experience with the coal operators in the past, we have no reason to feel any degree of confidence in their willingness to do us justice in the future, and inasmuch as they have refused to accept the decision of a tribunal created by you and inasmuch as there is no law through which you could enforce the finding of the commission you suggest, we respectfully decline to advise our people to return to work simply upon the hope that the coal operators might be induced or forced to comply with the recommendations of your commission."

"We believe that we went more than half way in our proposition at Washington, and we do not feel that we should be asked to make further sacrifice."

"We appreciate your solicitude for the people of the country, who are now and will be subjected to great suffering and inconvenience by a prolongation of the coal strike, and we feel that the onus of this terrible state of affairs should be placed upon the side which has refused to refer to a fair and impartial investigation."

"I am respectfully,
"JOHN MITCHELL,
"PRESIDENT U. M. of A."

PITCHED BATTLE ON STREETS.

Factions Engage in Deadly Combat at Eldorado, Arkansas.

Three men were killed, another will die and two others were wounded in a shooting affray on the streets of Eldorado, Ark., Thursday.

The dead are H. L. Dearing, constable; Tom Parnell and Walter Parnell, farmers.

The wounded, Guy B. Tucker, city marshal, shot six times and will die; Dr. Hilton, wounds not serious; Jim Parnell, not serious.

The shooting is the sequel to the killing in Eldorado on September 18 by Dearing of Robert Mullens, which followed a wedding. The Parnells were friends of Mullens and Thomas Newton was a friend of Dearing.

Thursday afternoon Jim Parnell and Newton had some words. It is said that both factions prepared for trouble, and it came when they met. It was at 4:30 o'clock that Dearing, Tucker and Newton were walking along in front of the Union Grocery Company, on the east side of the square, when they met the Parnell Brothers. Jim Parnell is said to have fired at Newton and in an instant the fusillade began. About seventy-five shots were fired and the cracking of revolvers sounded like a pitched battle. The men were close together and their aim was deadly. It developed into a man-to-man affair, Dearing and Tom Parnell emptying their several pistols at each other at a distance so close that when they fell, unable to shoot any more, their bodies formed a cross. The others were firing promiscuously and it is supposed that a shot from Marshall Tucker's pistol killed Walter Parnell. Dr. Hilton, who tried to separate the men, was also shot, but not fatally.

MAY INVOLVE ALL MINES.

Complete Tie-Up of Bituminous Collieries Now Under Discussion.

Telegrams have passed between the officials of the Western Federation of Miners at Denver and President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, looking to a complete tie-up of all bituminous coal mines in the United States and Canada. The telegram of President Meyer and Secretary Hayward, of the Western Federation, says:

"Exigencies demand that no coal of any kind be mined in the United States until the anthracite strike is won. The Western Federation of Miners will co-operate to this end."

WARDEN PONDER EXONERATED.

Grand Jury Declares Him Not Responsible for Negro's Death.

The Early county grand jury at Blakely, Ga., Wednesday had under investigation the charges preferred by the state prison commission against Deputy Warden Willis Ponder, in connection with the sweating to death of a negro at the branch of the state penitentiary at Jakin three years ago. After fully investigating the matter, the grand jury decided that Ponder was in no wise responsible for the matter.

M'GUIRE ANSWER CHARGES.

Former Official of Carpenters' Association Accused of Shortage.

F. J. McGuire, former secretary and treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, whose alleged shortage of \$10,000 has occupied the attention of the convention for the past two days, arrived in Atlanta Wednesday afternoon to make a personal defense before the convention.

WAS PREPARING FOR WAR.

Large Lot of Ammunition Taken from Italian in Strike Region.

One thousand rounds of ammunition were seized and confiscated at the Delaware and Hudson freight station in Olyphant, Pa., Thursday. The ammunition was destined to Bastiano Passano, a leader among the Italians in upper Lackawanna county. Passano was placed under arrest as he was about to receipt for the material.

ODELL SCORES BAER

Lively Tilts Occur at Conference Held in New York City.

COAL BARON SHOWS DEFIANCE

With Cool Determination Baer Reiterates that Coal Operators Will Never Recognize the Miners' Union.

A New York special says: After two days of conference between the anthracite coal mine operators on one side and the governor and senator of New York and the two senators from Pennsylvania on the other, the strike of the United Mine Workers of America is apparently as far from a settlement as the day it was declared.

Governor Odell laid before the operators Friday the proposition that if they would concede to the miners an advance of 5 cents a ton in the price paid for mining coal he would resume work. Being told further that the concession would carry with it recognition of the miners' union, the operators promptly refused to entertain the proposition and took their leave. Later in the day they and the Pennsylvania senators left the city, the latter going to Harrisburg.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, took no part in any of the conferences, he being in the city, it is understood, in order that he might be within reach should the negotiations reach a stage where his decision for the miners would be required.

Governor Odell feels that he has done all that is possible for him to do, under existing laws, toward bringing about a termination of the strike. He would not say whether or not it was his intention to call the state legislature in extraordinary session to consider the enactment of a law under which the contention between the coal operators and the miners might be brought to an end. That, the governor said, was something he would not discuss at this time.

Governor Odell was not in a talking mood when he left the conference. To one of the governor said:

"The coal operators may postpone this matter until Tuesday, but I don't propose to postpone it. They are not acting fairly toward the people. I believe I shall find some remedy."

Friday's conference was begun by a statement made by Senator Penrose, that the situation was becoming so serious that some solution must be found at once. He suggested that the operators should incline to some concessions toward a settlement.

"If you mean by that," said President Baer, "that we are to recognize the existence of a labor union, I tell you right now that the operators will consider no such proposition."

Governor Odell was on his feet in an instant. Holding a half-burnt cigar in his hand and white with excitement, he said:

"Are we to understand that no kind of conciliatory proposition will receive consideration at the hands of the operators?"

"I did not say that," answered Mr. Baer, "but I do say, and I reiterate, that we will not accept political advice or allow the interference of politicians in this, our affair."

"What do you mean by politicians?" retorted Governor Odell. "I want you and all the other operators to understand that I am the governor of New York, the chosen representative of seven million people, and that I am here in this matter solely in that capacity and to relieve if possible an intolerable situation. And what is more, I intend to use every power at my command to do it."

President Baer, evidently appreciating that he had gone too far, bowed to Governor Odell and said:

"Governor, I beg your pardon. No personal affront was intended, and we will listen to any suggestions you may have to make; but I again repeat that I must refuse to recognize the union as represented by Mr. Mitchell."

NO PROTECTION FOR BLACKS.

An Illinois Grand Jury Fails to Indict Whiteappers.

After having examined nearly two hundred witnesses and consumed more than two weeks, the grand jury of Sangue county, Illinois, has failed to find an indictment against any one of the mob that has terrorized the negroes in the county and driven many away from Eldorado.

An Over-Married Mayor.

James Pendleton, mayor of Gentry, Mo., convicted of bigamy, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, the extreme penalty.

GUNS FREELY USED.

Rioting Started in New Orleans, But No One Killed.

The attempt Wednesday morning of the New Orleans Railways Company to start cars on its lines precipitated a long impending conflict between the strikers and those who attempted to fill their places. Although a hundred shots were fired, nobly was killed, but sixteen persons were injured.

QUAY VISITS ROOSEVELT.

Pennsylvania Senator on Secret Mission to Washington.

Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, saw the president for an hour Sunday and at the close of the conference the statement was made that there was nothing to say.

Of course, it was known that the senator was in Washington to discuss the strike situation, but what information he conveyed, or what suggestions he received, cannot be stated.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Licensed to Sell Beer.

The state board of control has granted the Spartan inn the privilege of establishing a beer dispensary within its building. The matter, however, will have to come before the county board of control at the next regular meeting.

Installing More Spindles

Mr. George Andrews, of Bladeford, Me., is in Spartanburg for the purpose of superintending the work of installing 15,000 additional spindles in the Saxon mills. The work is well under way. Saco & Pettie, of Bladeford, Me., have the contract for the work in hand.

Will Eliminate Negro Labor.

Georgetown is apprehensive over the probable outcome of the decision of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, probably the largest sawmill plant in the south, that negro labor in the mill will be supplanted by Italian laborers to be brought down from New York. This report was received with considerable excitement.

Sawmill and Ginnery Burned.

The sawmill and ginnery belonging to J. J. Swain was burned at New Prospect one night the past week. The building and contents were totally destroyed by the flames. The total loss is about \$2,000. In addition to the machinery there were several boxes of cotton and a large quantity of cotton seed destroyed by the fire.

Navy Yard Bids.

Bids were opened at the navy department, Washington, last Friday for the construction of concrete and granite drk dock No. 1 at Charleston navy yard. The lowest straight bid was that of the Virginia Refining and Construction Company, of Richmond, which offered to complete the dock for \$1,189,450.

Foreman Killed by Dynamite.

A premature blast of dynamite at Portman Shoals, nine miles west of Anderson, where the plant of the Anderson Water, Light and Power Company is situated, instantly killed James Tobin, of Norwich, Conn, foreman of the quarry force, and injured three negroes. One will die.

Bigamist Adams Convicted.

J. H. Adams, a Georgian of family, has been convicted of bigamy in Hampton, where he married a well-to-do widow of excellent family. Adams fled before trial, but was sentenced, his attorney being headed guilty in his absence. He was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500. Adams' lawful wife, hearing of his marriage in Carolina, had him indicted.

White Man and Negro Killed.

Luther Bost, mill operator, was run over and killed Sunday night by a shifting engine at the Air Line depot, in Greenville. The coroner has investigated the circumstances surrounding Bost's death, and Will DeLoach, with whom Bost has been seen, is suspected of having caused his death. DeLoach has left the country, and all efforts to locate him have failed.

Dillard Lambright, an aged colored man, was run over and killed Sunday night near Taylors station by passenger train No. 35 of the Southern. The remains of his body were scattered from Taylors to Greer, a distance of four miles. Lambright leaves a widow, who is 106 years old. The supposition is that Lambright was intoxicated.

Steamer Not Much Damaged.

The Clyde steamer Apache, which was damaged in a collision with the steamship Iroquois, of the same company, at Comings Point, was floated a day or two ago and towed to Charleston. The vessel was run up on a sand bank just off East Battery, where she will remain while undergoing repairs. As stated in the newspapers, the Apache was not so seriously injured as was at first supposed. The hole in her side made by the stem of the Iroquois did not extend as far below the water line as was thought at one time. It is believed that the vessel can be patched up sufficiently within the next few days to enable her to proceed to New York for permanent repairs.

Jesse Morrison on Bond.

Jesse Morrison was released from the state penitentiary at Lansing, Kans., on the approval of her \$10,000 bond pending the appeal of her case to the supreme court. Miss Morrison was sentenced to ten years for killing Mrs. Olin Castle.