

BEARDING THE LION IN HIS DEN.

Bryan Makes a Dozen Speeches in 9 Republican Counties in Indiana.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 5.—The meeting which closed here at 10 o'clock tonight was the last of a series of a remarkably large political demonstration made in connection with the appearance in Indiana of W. J. Bryan, the democratic candidate.

The presiding officer at the Richmond meeting was Hon. Henry U. Johnson, formerly a prominent member of congress and until recently a pronounced republican.

"Mr. Johnson and I served in the house together. I knew of his ability then and I knew of his industry. I knew he was a conscientious man, even when he and I could not reach the same conclusions on political questions."

Mr. Bryan then said that imperialism is not a prophecy but history and said that we were taxing Puerto Ricans without giving them representation.

A HIT, A PALPABLE HIT! While Mr. Bryan was speaking at Marion some one in the audience asked in regard to the North Carolina law Mr. Bryan said:

"My friend, I am glad you asked me that; I am prepared for you. Now I am going to assume that the republican who asked the question is an honest man. I am going to ask him about the constitution of the republican State of Oregon. I will read a provision of that constitution. It says: 'Section 35. No free negro or mulatto not residing in this State at the time of the adoption of this constitution shall come, reside or be within this State, hold any real estate or make any contract or maintain any such thereto, and the legislative assembly shall provide by penal laws for the removal by public officers of all such negroes and mulattoes and for their effectual exclusion from the State and for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the State or employ or harbor them.'"

"That amendment was adopted before the civil war; it makes it unlawful for a free negro to go into the State and it authorizes the officers to put him out. But you say it is old. Let me remind you that last June an effort was made to repeal that portion of the constitution and the effort to repeal was defeated, although the State went 10,000 republican. But my friend, may not have time to go to Oregon. It is not I want to tell him to go to the city of Washington. That is nearer. Go to Washington and find out what provision the republican administration has made for the voters of Puerto Rico."

"Why don't you correct that? But if you have not the time to go to Washington, let me remind you, that your administration has made the Sulu treaty and the Sulu treaty provides that our flag shall float over the sultan's palace and that we shall pay the sultan so much to keep it floating there. That flag floats today over Sulu slaves and the treaty recognizes slavery as an existing institution and instead of providing that the slave shall be free, the Sulu treaty provides in article 10 that he shall have the right to purchase his freedom whenever he can make enough working for nothing a day to buy himself at the market price. There was never a more shameful piece of hypocrisy than is that under which the Republicans hide when they talk about

southern amendments. It was a Republican congress that took the right to vote away from those in the District of Columbia and for thirty years the negro has been electing Republican presidents and getting janitorships in return and you never hear a modern Republican say nothing for him except during a campaign when his vote is needed.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 5.—W. J. Bryan began his day's campaign at Noblesville, Ind. He arrived at 8 o'clock and spoke from a stand near the depot for 15 minutes. His audience was large and liberal with its applause.

Mr. Bryan rapidly traced the Democratic position on all the issues of the campaign. He said that the duty of the nation is determined by the people and that if each man will do his full duty conscientiously next November, the country's duty in the present emergency will be properly indicated.

At Elwood, the audience covered an immense plot of ground near the depot and Mr. Bryan gave practically all of the thirty minutes' speech to the trust question. He declared that no employer has a right to vote his employe.

Mr. Bryan referred to the visit of President McKinley to Elwood when the tin plate works here were opened, saying:

"Today the Republican party must meet its record on the trust questions, on the army question and on its colonial policy. Whenever an institution is opened, the Republicans make a great day of it and invite distinguished people from abroad to be present at the opening, but when a trust closes a factory they do not invite a president or anybody else to preside at the closing."

"I find that the tin plate trust has closed tin plate mills all over the country. I find that trusts organized to monopolize the trade and control the market and fix the price of raw material and finished product, and the price of labor, are today destroying industrial independence and condemning our children to perpetual clerkship under monopoly."

"The Republican party is building up an industrial despotism that compels millions of people to get on their knees in the morning and pray to the trust 'Give us this day our daily bread.'"

"I want to ask you whether you believe it is a good system." Mr. Bryan again referred to the "closing down of a part of the works of the barbed wire and wire nail trust," as he put it, until after election, and asked: "What does it mean? It means that the manufacturer when he has a monopoly will attempt to coerce his employes."

In closing Mr. Bryan said he wanted to see every private monopoly in the United States destroyed, root and branch.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave Gen. Burnham of Machias, Me, when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all throat, chest and lung diseases. Only 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

Hester's Weekly Statement.

New Orleans, Oct. 5.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton exchange statement shows for the five days of October an increase over last year of 59,000; for the 35 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the 35 days of last year 180,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 414,321, against 410,625 for the seven days ending October 5 last year.

The movement since Sept. 1 shows receipts at all United States ports 877,141, against 974,663 last year. Overland, across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 41,481, against 35,280 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 167,641, against 192,007 last year; southern mill takings 140,280, against 154,534 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 230,553, against 190,015 last year.

Northern mill takings and Canada during the past seven days show a decrease of 11,116, as compared with the corresponding period last year. The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada thus far for the season have been 219,174, against 306,617 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading southern interior centres have increased during the week 105,738 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 129,592.

The Minneapolis Journal (Republican) makes this confession: "It begins to look as if the race between McKinley and Bryan would be very much closer in 1900 than it was in 1896. This is a state of affairs so different from what was thought probable at the time when the national conventions were held that it will come as a surprise to many who believed McKinley sure of a triumphant re-election. Conditions are by no means as favorable as they were in what are recognized as the pivotal states."

WISDOM OF LEADERS AVERTED A CONFLICT. PEOPLE ENTER VIGOROUS PROTEST.

Strikers Prevented From Making a Disastrous Blunder.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 4.—An uprising of striking miners in the Shamokin region seemed imminent for several hours late today, and there were forebodings of a serious clash between armed deputies and a large body of strikers.

Prompt action of some of the cool-headed officials of the miners' organization finally succeeded in averting the belated conflict. Some 3,000 excited strikers assembled at Mount Carvel and, headed by a band of music, started a march to North Franklin with the avowed purpose of forcing those at work at the North Franklin colliery to quit and join in the strike.

The marobers were in an excited and wrathful frame of mind. When they had covered three miles of their march they were met by officials of their organization, who, after much persuasion, induced the men to abandon their proposed trip. The strikers then turned back, though many did so reluctantly. Meantime several hundred deputies had been rushed to Trevorton on special trains and a serious conflict could scarcely have been avoided had the excited strikers arrived at the scene and endeavored to carry out their threats against the workmen.

Later it was announced that the officials of the North Franklin to prevent trouble would not operate the mine until the strike was settled.

Gen. Gobin as a result of the threatened trouble resided his order for Battery C of the national guard to return home tomorrow. The Eighth regiment left for home this afternoon.

Affairs are quiet in all other sections of the anthracite field today and the strikers scored important gains in the closing of additional collieries in the Schuylkill district. With a cessation of operations at the North Franklin all of the Philadelphia and Reading company's 39 collieries will now have ceased work.

The point of attack by the United Mine Workers' organizers now is the Panther Creek valley in the lower Lehigh region, where the collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company have been in practically full operation since the strike began in the other sections. Strenuous efforts are being put forth to induce the men there to quit work and join the union.

President Mitchell today said there was no immediate prospect of a convention of the miners to consider the concessions offered by the operators.

None of the Lackawanna company's strikers availed themselves of the offer of increased wages if they should return to work by today.

Only Three Per Cent of Miners Remained at Work

Philadelphia Oct. 3.—There were no developments of special importance today in the miners' strike. An interesting feature was the Reading company's notice to its employes that in addition to its offer of a 10 per cent increase it was willing to enter into arbitration with them relative to any grievances they may have. None of the strikers, however, have indicated their intention to return to work.

A rumor gained circulation today that President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers had in conference with the presidents of the coal carrying railroads agreed upon a settlement of the strike. When informed of the rumor Mr. Mitchell promptly denied it and said he had not been in conference with either railroad officials or coal operators.

A secret conference of the leading officials of the miners' organization was held at Hazleton. At its conclusion President Mitchell said the question of calling a joint convention had not been considered. He said that out of 142,000 mine workers only about 5,000 are at work and these, he said, would be out in a short time.

The time limit of the Lackawanna company's offer of increased wages will expire tomorrow, but strikers generally express their determination to pay no heed to the offer.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 4.—A strike is on at Blocton, a mining town 40 miles southwest of this city, and the mines of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, employing over 1,000 miners, drivers and topmen, are idle. The strike is the result of the refusal of the company to accede to the demand of 75 cents a lineal foot for taking down the roof in rooms where the coal runs under a certain thickness.

Ordered an Imposing Funeral.

Taku, Monday, Oct. 1.—The dowager empress has deputed the highest official of the empire to make all necessary arrangements for a most imposing funeral in honor of Baron von Ketteler, the late German minister to China. She has also ordered the erection of a suitable temple at the capital in his memory.

Committee to Go to Atlanta About Railroad Rates.

From all sides are coming the most vigorous and earnest protests against the action of the Passenger Association in raising the railroad rates to the State fair this year. These protests do not come alone from the people of Columbia, but many of the most vigorous ones have come from people all over the State. The adjutant general's office began to feel the effect of the increase yesterday when letters came from several companies who had given notice that they would be here, saying that the rates made it doubtful if they could come. The Charleston battalion is one of the organizations that is likely to be kept away if the circular stands Gen. Floyd promptly wrote the railroad commission an earnest letter, and asked that the matter be taken up immediately with the several railroads.

The State society, the city association and the Merchants and Manufacturers club have already prepared protests. President Evans of the State society, who is also chairman of the railroad commission, was here yesterday. He was astonished at the association's rates, and after consultation he will probably go to Atlanta on Sunday accompanied by Gen. Floyd and others representing the business interests of the city. Mr. Evans said yesterday that the roads got virtually the only profits arising from the fair, any other profits going to the business men of Columbia, who are the chief patrons of the roads, and he for one felt like saying to the roads if they wished to injure the fair with increased rates the society had no objection to calling it off altogether and telling the people of the State exactly why. This sentiment has been frequently voiced in the past few days by men of more than ordinary standing and influence.—The State, Oct. 6.



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