# STRIKING MINERS ARE CONSERVATIVE.

## WILL ACCEPT ADVANCE OFFERED.

Scranton, Pa. 13.—The anthracite coal miners now on strike, after a two days' convention, late this afternoon decided to accept the 10 per cent net increase in wages offered by the mine owners providing they will continue the payment of advance until next April and will abolish the sliding scale If the operators consider the proposition unacceptable, the miners are willing to arbitrate the question at issue They also decided to continue the strike until the operators agree to the convention's proposition. The resolutions are as follows :

"We, your committee, respectfully submit the following preamble and resolutions for your consideration :

"Whereas, the anthracite coal operators have posted notices offering an advance of 10 per cent over wages formerly paid, and have signified their willingness to adjust other grievances with their own employes ; and

"Whereas, they have failed to specify the length of time this advance would remain in force, and have also failed to abolish the sliding scale method of determining wages ; we would recommend :

"That this convention accept an advance of 10 per cent, providing the operators will continue its payment until April 1st, 1901 ; and will abolish the sliding scale in the Lehigh and Schuylkill regions ; the scale of wages in the two last named districts to remain stationary at 10 per cent above the present basis price ; and that the companies will agree to adjust other grievances complained of with committees of their own employes

"Sould this proposition be unacceptable to the operators we recommend that the convention propose that all questions at issue be submitted to a fair and impartial board of arbitration.

"We would further recommend that under no circumstances whatever should there be a resumption of work at any of the collieries until the operators signify their acceptance of this proposition, and you are notified officially that the strike is ended, and all return to work in a body on the same day"

Judging by the unanimity of the miners in passing the above resolution and the determined stand taken by the operators, it is generally believed that a long contest between the strikers and the mine operators is not unlikely. There was great enthusiasm in the convention when the counter proposition to the operators was carried, and three cheers were given for President Mitchell The resolutions were drafted by a committee of thirteen, appointed at the morning session, of which the national president was chairman.

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Hazelton, Pa, Oct 14 —The individual coal operators who could be seen here today declined to discuss the action taken by the anthracite miners' convention at Scranton yesterday Neither would they say what steps the employers would probably take

It is evident from their reticence that the individual mine workers are waiting to see what the large coal carrying railroads that mine coal will do.

It is reported in the coal region tonight that the presidents of these roads will hold a conference in New York tomorrow for discussion of the action of the convention.

There was a story afloat today that the operators will accept the convention's decision, but nothing has come to the surface in this region on which to base the report.

## Active About Kroonstad

Cape Town, Oct 14 —The Boers are very active in the Kroonstad district. Gen DeWet has proclaimed that Burghers who refuse to fight will be made prisoners of war

British mounted infantry, scouting from Lindley, had Capt Wiltshire killed, through mistaking a party of forty Boers in khaki for friends.

Boer commandoes continually harassed the British column while marching from Lindley to Kroocstad.

The Boers captured a detachment of the Cheshire regiment which was escorting an empty wagon near Frankfort They released the driver but kept the wagon.

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London, Oct 14 —The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts dated Pretoria, Saturday, Oct 13th :

"A satisfactory little affair occurred near Frankfort Thursday. Col Grove with the West Kents surprised a Boer laager at dawn, killed seven, wounded nine and captured 18"

## Cotton Growers Convention.

Atlanta, Ga, Oct 15 —A convention of the cotton growers and business men of the south generally has been called by President Harvie Jordan of the Georgia Cotton Growers' association. The convention is to be held in Macon November 20 and 21, and its object is to discuss and devise means for securing to the cotton producer a fair price for his crop.

Instructions will be sent to every cotton growing county in the south.

# LOOTED IS CHINESE CAPITAL.

## ONLY THE SACRED CITY HAS SO FAR ESCAPED THE FOREIGNERS.

Pekin, Sept 7 —The general consensus of opinion of the American and British ministers and generals is that seldom if ever in the history of the world has any city been more completely looted and gutted than Pekin and it is mainly due to the influence of Gen Chaffee and the British general, Gaselee that the sacred city itself has not suffered the same fate In fact, most of the members of the embassies, their families and even the missionaries think that a great mistake was made in not looting it and burning it to the ground. They argue that if all the property of the merchants, bankers, pawbrokers and the houses of the very poor have been looted and burned, why should the property of those mainly responsible be saved and held sacred for their future use

It is an every day sight to see soldiers, camp followers and members of the riff raff that is following the army, selling all sorts of things, particularly the silver shoes, which were used as cash, valued at $7, $13, $30 and $50 according to weight. Hundred dollar watches were selling for $5, but now prices have gone up and silver shoes are selling for two thirds of their value and other things accordingly

The proprietor of the Pekin hotel has bought, it is stated, silver worth over a quarter of a million dollars, at a cost of less than $50,000.

The Sikh soldiers have done a lot of trading in silver, buying from the Russians cheaply and selling at a profit A former street arab from New York has made a clear $2,000 with a capital of nothing except unlimited cheek and no scruples whatever on the subject of his right to loot

Auction sales take place at the British legation every afternoon of looted goods turned in by the troops, but the prices are high, fetching sometimes more than the things are usually sold for in the stores in normal times

Maj Waller has in his possession a vast amount of stuff a large portion of which has been taken from looters Gen Chaffee has not yet decided with regard to its disposition, but it probably will be sold at auction

American soldiers have not been officially allowed to loot, but only to forage, which means that parties have gone out daily over the American quarter and collected the things most needed by the troops, such as bedding, furniture for camp use, etc. Most of the soldiers on the march to Pekin threw away their blankets and other implements which rendered the march under burning sun undesirable At night now they would suffer from cold if they had not been allowed to commando the necessary covering. It is only human nature if the soldier boys in that duty should pick robes of ermine, gray fox skins and other warm furs rather than those of a coarser and uglier appearance Some of the most persistent looters have been the missionaries

Recently meeting one with five cartloads of furs and antique furniture, Maj Waller asked the missionary by what right he had taken the things, and to his astonishment was told that they had been taken by permission of Maj Waller He informed the missionary that he was mistaken, as he himself was Maj Waller, and that he should confiscate every bit of it.

## SITUATION IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

Paris, Oct 13 —Letters received in diplomatic circles here throw a somewhat clearer light on the situation in southern China, where a dynasty uprising is now in progress The Reformist movement there is divided in to two distinct parties one led by Kang Yu Wei and the other by Sun Yat Sen The former is agitating for drastic reforms, but wishes to retain the present dynasty, while Sun Yat Sen aims at deposing the dowager empress and making a clean sweep of the existing regime Sun Yat Sen is leading the present rebellion The last authentic news of his whereabouts was of his presence at Yokahama, three months ago But since then he is believed to have smuggled himself into southern China and to be leading the reformist rebellion, in his plan of campaign being the capture of Canton, when he calculates the whole of south China will join him In the event of his seriously threatening Canton, Great Britain and France, possibly assisted by the other powers, would be forced to oppose him, which would create a curious situation The powers would then be acting against the rebel forces in the south which are anti-dynastic and friendly to foreigners, and at the same time engaged in suppressing the Boxer rebellion in the north, which is pro dynastic and anti foreign In the meantime, Kang Yu Wei is inactive, owing it is supposed, to the pressues brought to bear on him by Great Britain to which country he owes his liberty if not his life, for he escaped from the clutches of the dowager empress on board a British war ship some time ago

At the present moment there are two armed movements in southern China—that of the reformists, led by Sun Yat Sen, and the anti foreign, pro-dynastic uprising of the Black Flag, who are marching north to assist the dowager empress

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Shanghai, Oct 14.—From Canton it is reported that the Kwang Si rebels have defeated the imperial troops on the borders of Kwang Tung and that Gen Su has resigned in consequence of his request for reinforcements being ignored. Some Chinese soldiers desecrated the cemetery for foreigners at Name Ship, near Canton, and the viceroy had the offenders decapitated and dismissed their commander.

# Youtsey's Confession To Arthur Goebel.

## He Directly Implicates Governor Taylor in the Bloody Conspiracy.

Georgetown, Oct 15. The trial of Henry E Youtsey, charged with being a principal in the killing of Gov Goebel, was resumed today although Youtsey was reported in the same condition as last week. His room door was opened and his bed pulled up in plain view and hearing of the jury and while the witnesses were being examined Youtsey could be heard lailing his wife's name in a hollow, moaning voice and could be seen to be sitting on his hed

The feature of the day was the testimony of Author Goebel, brother of the dead governor. He told of going to the jail the day Youtsey was arrested and then said :

I put my left hand on Mr Youtsey's right shoulder and said : "Mr Youtsey, Col Campbell has just returned and told me what you have said to him and I have come over to have you tell me what you have told him, to tell me whether it is true, and to ask you a few other questions" Mr Youtsey said : "Yes, Mr Goebel, what I have told Col Campbell is true"

I then said to Youtsey : "Now I would like to have you tell me about getting the key on Monday morning from Powers and about Dick Combs and about going to see Taylor and also about going to see Taylor on Tuesday morning and where you got the cartridges." Youtsey said : "Just as I told Col Campbell, I had a talk with Dick Combs on Monday morning and he told me that he was ready to do the shooting and I went to Caleb Powers for the key to his office and he told me to go to John Powers I went to John Powers and John Powers gave me the key. I went to Gov Taylor and told him that Dick Combs was ready to do the shooting. Gov Taylor said : 'You ought not to come to me about this. I have been expecting this to be done for some time, but I object to having a negro do it It is too important a piece of work Combs may be a spy and he may betray us.'" Youtsey hesitated and I said : "Very well, what did you do next ?"

Youtsey said : "I left Gov Taylor and on Tuesday morning I went back to him and said : 'The man to do the shooting is now here'"

I interrupted Youtsey there and said : "You have told Col Campbell the name of that man and that is one reason why I came over here to see you Now if you know that much you can also give me the name of the man Mr Youtsey said : "Well, I told him Jim Howard was here ; that I thought he got here Monday night."

I asked him what else did Taylor say. Youtsey said : "Gov Taylor walked up and down the floor and said : 'Youtsey, what do you think ? If Goebel is killed, do you think I could hold my office ?' He discussed that matter, talking to me back and forth, and I said to him I thought if Goebel was put out of the way the contest would be settled and that he could hold his office Finally I said to him, as Gov Taylor hesitated still : 'It is up to you to decide now finally whether it is to be done or not,'" and after some more hesitation Youtsey stated that Taylor said finally : "Well, tell them to go ahead It it is necessary, I can send the man to the mountains with a squad of soldiers"

I said : "Did he say nothing about pardoning him ?" and Youtsey said : "Yes, that is so He said : If it is necessary I can pardon him and he will be safe enough.'" Youtsey then stopped and I asked him : "What did you do then ? You told Col Campbell, as he told me, that you let certain people into Powers' office."

Youtsey said : "Yes I went back and reported. I told Berry Howard and Dick Combs and Jim Howard to go and be in the hall of the executive building and I then left" I said : "What did you do ?"

Youtsey said : "I went and got the cartridges. When I went back Berry Howard, Dick Combs and Jim Howard were in the hall and I unlocked the door and let them in and gave them the cartridges." I again interrupted and asked Youtsey to whom he had given the cartridges, and he said : "I gave them to Jim Howard He was the last man who went in the door."

I said, "How many did you give him ?" and he said, "I gave him the whole box." I said, "Mr Youtsey, who fired the shot ?" and he said, "I cannot tell you, I did not see him" I said "What did you do when you let him in ?" He said, "I stood near the door."

I said, "You gave the cartridges to Jim Howard ?"

"Yes sir."

"Where did you get the cartridges ?"

He said, "I got them from Powell & Clement on Main street in Cincinnati. On the 22nd of January I wrote them and told them to send a box of 38'35 smokeless steel cartridges, Winchesters"

I said, "Was he shot with a Winchester rifle ?" He said, "The cartridges fit either a Winchester or a Marlin"

I said, "How much did you send them ?"

He said, "I sent them a post office order for a dollar."

Mr Youtsey then stopped and I said to him : "Mr Youtsey, you have told Col Campbell and told me that Monday morning you went to Gov Taylor and told him that Dick Combs was ready to do the shooting if Taylor objected, and now you tell me on Tuesday morning you let Dick Combs into the office. How is that ?" Youtsey hesitated and then finally said : "Well, those were the three men I let in" I looked at him and said : "They also say that Berry Howard was in the left hand lobby of the legislature and you say you let him in that room Youtsey finally said : "Those are the three men I let in there"

## The Rebellion in China.

Hong Kong, Oct 15.—A column of armed troops was dispatched this morning to the Kowloon frontier, with the object of barring armed refugees, either rebels or imperial troops, from entering British territory when defeated. The rebels are reported to be 3,000 strong 30 miles north of the British frontier A thousand of Admiral Ho's troops have left Canton, overland, to intercept the rebels.

Admiral Ho has informed the governor that the rebelion was carefully planned The rebels are anxious to conciliate the villagers and gain the respect of foreigners, hence the absence of outrage and pillage All indications point to the rising being widespread Outbreaks occurred simultaneously in several centres of Kwang Tung and Kwank Si Apparently Kang Yu Wei, Sun Yat Sen and the Triads have amalgamated their forces in the common cause—the overthrow of Manchu rule in South China

Some positive indications of the attitude of the foreign powers is anxiously awaited

A French launch was captured by pirates Oct 12, near Mong Chow. The pirates secured $32,000 in specie.

Sun Yat Sen, according to reports from Canton, has taken the town of Kiu Shan, on east river, and is now investing the prefectural city of Hui Chou A force of imperial troops from Canton was defeated by the reformers, 200 being killed.

The advices say also that there is preparation for despatching troops to the disturbed districts

## Untold Millions in Copper.

Tacoma, Wash, October 14 —Census Enumerators Beck and Sexton have reached Juneau from copper River, where their summer's work resulted in the enumeration of 800 Indians and 600 whites The Indians in that section have died by dozens this summer. This mortality results from the influx of miners and the destruction of the salmon supply by canneries at the mouth of the rivers. Mr. Beck reports that on July 4 gold was found at Tesling River. In three weeks four men took out $4.000 in coarse gold Mr Sexton thinks the copper belt of Prince William Sound will produce untold millions. He traveled weeks with Government Geologist Schrader, who expressed himself as believing that the deposits of copper there are unequalled in the world.

A railroad will be absolutely necessary to develop this rich country. The Government telegraph line through the Copper River country is nearly completed, and it can be quickly finished, in the spring.

## STATE LIBRARIAN

There is a lively race for the position of state librarian. The legislature will elect in January. There are already eight entries, with a number of counties to hear from The candidates so far in the field are the following : Miss Lucie Barron, Manning ; Mrs P. L. Melton, Columbia ; Miss Bessie Owings, Greenville; Miss Sallie Fouche, Ninety Six ; Mrs. Maggie Connor, Wampee, Horry county ; Miss Blanche O'Neale, Columbia ; Miss L M Aycock, Mt. Willing ; Mrs S. C. Cason, Abbeville.—Greenville News.

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Even yet, as the streets of unfortunate Galveston are being cleared, corpses in profusion are found and the estimate of the loss of life has been advanced to 7.000.

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"The Bible tells that there was once a man named Esau who sold his birthright for a full dinner pail, and he has been held in derision ever since." —William J. Bryan at Peoria.

# FORECASTING VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

## STATEMENT GIVEN OUT BY PEOPLE'S PARTY COMMITTEE.

Lincoln, Neb, Oct 13 —The following statement over the signature of J A Edgarton, the secretary, was given out tonight by the People's Party Committee :

Bryan will be elected ; he has lost none of the support he had in 1896, except a few silver republicans in the mountain States Of these there will not be enough to affect a single electoral vote. He will hold his own west of the Mississippi, and will carry every State in that region that he carried in '96, with the possible exception of Wyoming. He will gain heavily in the central west and east ; he will not only have all the democrats and populists who supported him in '96, but added to these, he will receive the votes of a large number of gold democrats and former republicans who have left their party on the issues of imperialism and trusts.

The following States may be classed as certain to cast their electoral votes for Bryan :

Alabama, 11 ; Arkansas, 8 ; Colorado, 4 ; Florida, 4 ; Georgia, 13 ; Idaho, 3 ; Louisiana, 8 ; Mississippi, 9 ; Missouri, 17 ; Montana, 3 ; Nebraska, 8 ; Nevada, 3 ; North Carolina, 11 ; South Carolina, 9 ; Tennessee, 12 ; Texas, 15 ; Utah, 3 ; Virginia, 12. Total, 153.

Add to these the following States that will probably cast their votes for Bryan :

Illinois, 24 ; Indiana, 15 ; Kansas, 10 ; Kentucky, 13 ; Maryland, 8 ; South Dakota, 4 ; Washington, 4 ; West Virginia, 6 Total, 84.

These added to 153 certain, give 237, or 13 more than a majority in the electoral college. Outside of these certain and probable States are the following doubtful : California, 9 ; Connecticut, 6 ; Delaware, 3 ; Michigan, 14 ; Minnesota, 9 ; New Jersey, 10 ; New York, 36 ; North Dakota, 3 ; Ohio, 23 ; Wisconsin, 12 ; Wyoming, 3 Total, 128.

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Galveston, Tex, Oct 14.—John Sealey, treasurer of the Galveston relief fund, acknowledges the receipts of contributions from Oct 1 to 12 inclusive amounting to $198,552 This includes $125,000 received through Gov Sayers and $21.621 received through Mayor Jones. Amount previously acknowledged was $781,043, making the total to date $979,595

Manila, Oct 15.—Capt Devereux Shields who, with 51 men of Co F, 29th regiment, United States volunteer infanty, was captured by the insurgents last month in the Island of Marinduque, was recovered yesterday by the American rescue force with all the members of his party

London, Oct 15 —An interesting report upon the cotton industry is published this morning by The Times It shows that the output of the mills in 1899 1900 was nearly 10 per cent above the average for the five years previous. The Times thinks the facts given are "hardly likely to relieve the gloom pervading Lancashire"

New York, Oct 14.—The Rev Albert B Simpson, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, today preached his annual missionary sermon at the Gospel Tabernacle, and as a result over $50,000 in cash, pledges and property were realized for the support of the missionaries and mission work of the alliance for the coming year. W E Blackstone participated in the services. The sermon and the offering was the closing chapter of the seventeenth annual convention of the alliance. The total amount collected today was $52.259 25. Part of it was proceeds of a collection taken at Nyack, New York

Jackson, Miss Oct 14 —Bishop Chas B Galloway, president of the general board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, tomorrow will issue a call to the one and one half million Methodists in the south to assemble in their places of worship on the night of the last day of the year to hold an old fashioned watch meeting as a fitting climax to to the Twentieth Century fund movement The fund now amounts to $1,100,000.


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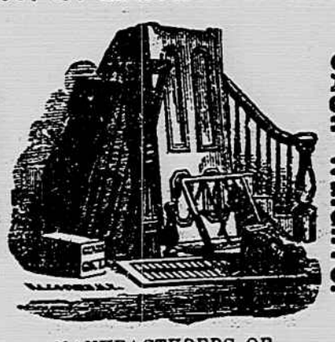


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