

MINERS' OFFICIALS MEET.

Executive Officers of the Union Will Probably Decide to Call Strike Off.

MITCHELL TO MAKE THOROUGH CANVASS

His Statement Is Anxiously Awaited For—It Will Undoubtedly Contain Either Declaration of the End or of the Further Continuance of the Five Weeks' Struggle.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 24.—The meeting of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers and the officials of the three anthracite districts which have been on strike for over five weeks began Wednesday. This meeting it is believed will take positive action as to whether the strike shall be declared off at a certain time. It is not thought that the official notice ending the contest will be issued at this meeting. It is the intention of President Mitchell to make a thorough canvass of the situation.

Will Define Position.
President Mitchell announced that he would issue a statement defining the position of the United Mine Workers in the present situation of the strike. He also said that his statement would in all likelihood indicate whether the strike would be immediately declared off, or whether it would be continued. The impression among headquarters is that the statement will contain practically a declaration that the contest is ended. Coal companies controlling about 75 per cent. of the anthracite coal product, it is learned, have posted notices, but President Mitchell will not say that all of them comply with the terms of the Scranton convention.

Partly Canvassed.
The big companies in this district that have not posted the notices are the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., G. B. Markle & Co., and Cox Brothers & Co. The Markles have granted no increase of wages of any kind. Wednesday's conference was in session three hours, and was adjourned until morning. President Mitchell, at its conclusion, announced that the situation was partly canvassed, and that the review would be completed to-day. The conference discussed plans as to what should be done in the event of one or more of the coal companies declining to grant the demand of the miners, as set forth in the resolution adopted at the Scranton convention. No definite conclusion was, however, arrived at. Mr. Mitchell declined to say whether the statement of the United Mine Workers that no man will be permitted to return to work unless they all go together still holds good.

Under Discussion.
The notices posted by several of the larger companies in the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions Wednesday which announced that the mine workers will be given 2½ cents on every car or ton in order to make up ten per cent. came in for much consideration at the conference. When the conference adjourned in the evening this matter was still under discussion.

FAMOUS AUTHOR DIES.

Charles Dudley Warner Expires Suddenly from Heart Trouble in Hartford, Conn.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 22.—Charles Dudley Warner, the well-known author and lecturer, died here suddenly Saturday night. Mr. Warner had not been in robust health for three or four years. Recently he suffered a slight attack of paralysis, but was thought to be improving.

Mr. Warner, in addition to being a noted author, was also a student of social science. He was for several years a member of the state commission on prisons and of the National Prison association. Yale gave him the degree of A. M. in 1852 and Dartmouth in 1884. His career as an author began in 1870. He was born in Pittsfield, Mass., September 12, 1827. In 1853 he was a member of a surveyor's party on the Missouri frontier. In 1854 he entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1856. In 1860 he practiced in Chicago. That year he was engaged as assistant editor of the Hartford Press, becoming editor in chief the following year. In 1867 the paper was consolidated with the Courant. Mr. Warner became co-editor with Joseph H. Hawley. Mr. Warner's best-known books were "My Summer in a Garden" and "Back Log Studies," though he wrote many other charming works and was well known as the editor of the "Easy Chair" of Harper's Monthly for many years.

Given a Life Term.
Davenport, Ia., Oct. 23.—George Steffens, a stranger arrested in this city last summer for assaulting an eight-year-old girl, was convicted of the crime last week and was sentenced by Judge Bollinger Monday to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Population of California.
Washington, Oct. 25.—The population of the state of California was announced by the census bureau Wednesday. The population of the state in 1900 is 1,485,058, as against 1,206,120 in 1890, representing an increase since 1890 of 279,938, or 22.9 per cent.

New Counterfeit.
New York, Oct. 22.—A counterfeit of the new five-dollar silver certificate that bears the portrait of the Indian, Onepepa, has made its appearance in this city.

Children Cremated.
Montreal, Quebec, Oct. 24.—The five children of Arthur LeBlanc were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home here.

Kill an Officer.
Bronnau, Mo., Oct. 20.—Robbers while looting the Farmers' bank here shot and killed Watchman Moran and secured \$1,000.

THE FALL ELECTIONS.

Ten Candidates for President to Be Voted For at the Polls on November 6.

New York, Oct. 20.—Ten candidates for president and vice president will be voted for on November 6. Ballots will not be cast for all of them in all the states, but the ten parties will be represented at the polls in most of them. The following are the national tickets:

REPUBLICAN.
President, William McKinley, of Ohio
Vice President, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York
DEMOCRATIC.
President, William J. Bryan, of Nebraska
Vice President, Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois
POPULIST.
President, William J. Bryan
Vice President, Adlai E. Stevenson
SILVER REPUBLICANS.
President, William J. Bryan
Vice President, Adlai E. Stevenson
MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POPULISTS.
President, Wharton Barker, of Pennsylvania
Vice President, Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota
PROHIBITIONIST.
President, John G. Woolley, of Illinois
Vice President, Henry A. Metcalf, of Rhode Island
UNION REFORM.
President, Seth Ellis, of Ohio
Vice President, Samuel F. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania
UNITED CHRISTIANS.
President, John G. Woolley, of Illinois
Vice President, John G. Woolley, of Illinois
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.
President, Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana
Vice President, Job Harriman, of California
DE LEON SOCIALISTS.
President, Joseph F. Maloney, of Massachusetts
Vice President, Valentine Remy, of Massachusetts
State tickets will be numerous, Illinois and Indiana leading with seven each; Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin following with five each; Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Texas and Washington coming next with four each; Kansas, Missouri, New Hampshire and West Virginia trailing with three each; and then Florida, Nevada, Tennessee and Utah with two each; South Carolina with only one occupying the end of the line.

DEATH LIST GROWS.
Many Bodies Are Found Every Day in Clearing Away Ruins at Galveston.
Galveston, Tex., Oct. 19.—One month and ten days have elapsed since the storm, and still the number of dead bodies being recovered daily does not decrease. Forty-two were recovered Thursday. This makes a record of 107 for the past four days. The total number of bodies officially reported to have been recovered is 2,907. A great many bodies were found, however, of which no report was made. It is not known how many were carried out to sea or to the mainland or how many still remain under the debris, there being no reason to reduce the former estimate of the loss of life.

DISASTER AT INDIAN HEAD.
The Government Magazine Said to Have Been Blown Up—Many Lives Reported Lost.
Washington, Oct. 25.—With a shock that made the earth quake for miles around the government magazine at Indian Head, the largest in the world, exploded at 11:30 o'clock last night. Many lives are said to have been lost. There are several officers and a number of enlisted men and women at the place and much anxiety as to their safety is felt. The small town of Glymport suffered severely from the concussion. The shock was felt distinctly by the residents of Alexandria. Meager reports of the calamity have been received, but these come from persons at small stations along the Baltimore & Potomac road miles from the scene of the explosion, and can give only a faint idea of the awful destruction that must have been caused.

Assigned to Philippines.
Washington, Oct. 25.—C. M. Cotterman, assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, with headquarters at San Francisco, has been selected as director general of posts in the Philippine islands, to succeed F. W. Vaille, resigned.

Dropped Dead.
Boston, Oct. 20.—Capt. John B. Adams, of Lynn, past commander in chief of the G. A. R., dropped dead at the state house Friday afternoon. Death was due to heart trouble. He was 59 years of age.

Youtsey Found Guilty.
Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 22.—Henry E. Youtsey, tried as a principal in the murder of William Goebel, was found guilty and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment.

MAKE A PEACE PROPOSAL.

Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Indicate a Basis for the Conduct of Negotiations.

TIME TO END THE PRESENT SITUATION.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The Hovas agree to have received the following dispatch from Peking: The diplomatic corps has received a joint note from Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching saying that it is time to end the present situation and to treat for peace, and that the princes and ministers who were accomplices of the Boxers will be handed over to the courts, to be judged and punished according to Chinese law. In their quality of plenipotentiaries Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching offer to treat for peace and accept the principle of indemnities for the legations destroyed. The losses are to be estimated by delegates of the powers. European nations can be accorded fresh commercial advantages on the old treaties modified; but, as the requirements of the powers vary, each power must formulate its own. The plenipotentiaries demand an immediate cessation of hostilities because of their offer and request an interview with the tsung-li-yamen for October 21.

China Hurries Matters.
Washington, Oct. 20.—The Chinese government has made a request upon Secretary Hay that negotiations begin Saturday at Peking looking to a settlement of the Chinese question. It is said at the state department that Mr. Conger's instructions are sufficient in breadth to enable him to proceed with negotiations to-day without further orders from the department.

Form an Alliance.
London, Oct. 22.—Germany and England have formed an alliance to maintain territorial integrity of China and to keep ports open.

Received in Washington.
Washington, Oct. 22.—The state department has received a copy of the Anglo-German agreement regarding China. The feeling of state department officials on the subject is one of general satisfaction and is recognized as in line with the attitude of the United States toward China, as already defined by Secretary Hay and by other great powers. The officials say, however, that it is probably a misnomer to call it an alliance.

Meets with Favor.
Washington, Oct. 23.—It is authoritatively stated that the United States government views with distinct favor the principles enunciated in the Anglo-German agreement relating to China, and that a formal response to that effect will be made at an early day to the invitation extended to this government to accept the principles of the agreement.

Admit Guilt.
Washington, Oct. 24.—Advices received say Chinese commissioners admit China's guilt in besieging legations, offer terms for repatriation and ask withdrawal of foreign troops when peace treaties are concluded. Washington officials think the Anglo-German agreement on China, as published, is supplemented by secret arrangements covering other territory. The Fourteenth United States infantry has departed from Peking.

To Preserve China.
Washington, Oct. 25.—Secretary Hay is expected to ask the powers to join America in a convention promising to preserve China and maintain the "open door." Germany will ask Li Hung Chang for his credentials before opening peace negotiations.

Death List Grows.
Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 23.—Later reports from the Lodi cyclone state the loss of life is greater than first stated. Some ten or fifteen people are said to have lost their lives. It is definitely known six negroes were killed in a house that was demolished. The path of the storm was 200 yards wide. It is feared the worst reports have not yet been received. Many country houses were blown away.

Twenty-Four Sailors Drowned.
London, Oct. 25.—A special dispatch from Madrid says the French steamer Faiderbe (late Chigwell), was sunk Tuesday in collision with the French steamer Mitidja, which was seriously damaged, but succeeded in reaching Alicante. The Mitidja rescued eight of the crew of the Faiderbe, but 21 other members of the crew of that vessel were drowned.

Assassinated.
Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 25.—A special to the Sentinel from Bristol says: Joseph Chesser, a leading lumber dealer of that section, was assassinated at Norton, Va., Tuesday night while going out of a hotel. The assassin has not been arrested.

Christmas Boxes to Go Free.
Washington, Oct. 22.—Christmas packages for American soldiers serving abroad will be transported by the government free of charge from either San Francisco or New York. This was done last year and proved popular.

Called to a High Position.
Muscatine, Ia., Oct. 25.—George D. Adams, D. D., of Kalamazoo, Mich., was chosen by the Iowa Baptists, in session here, to the presidency of Des Moines college, the leading Baptist school of the state.



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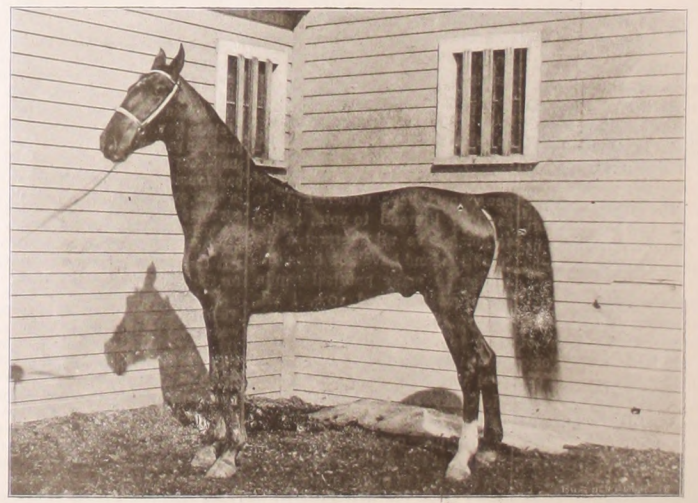
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