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PRESIDENT SETTLES STRIKE.

Terms of Operators Are Modified and Arbitrators Named.

Washington, Oct. 16, 2:30 a. m.—The anthracite coal strike is practically over. President Roosevelt this morning announced the selection of an arbitration commission of six members, with a seventh, Carroll D. Wright, as recorder, all of whom are acceptable to both the coal operators and President John Mitchell.

The commission will adjust all differences between the operators and miners. President Mitchell has called a meeting of his advisers for today, and it is expected the strike will be called off within the next three or four days.

This result was reached at 2 o'clock this morning after several conferences during the day by the President with John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and George W. Perkins and Robert S. Bacon, partners of J. P. Morgan. The commission is satisfactory to the operators.

The list was submitted to Mr. Mitchell before he left the city today and he expressed pleasure with the selection. He told the President he would return to Wilkes-Barre, lay the matter before the various districts and recommend its acceptance. That the miners will vote its adoption is considered certain. And coal mining, it is expected, will begin within a few days.

A concession to the strikers is the appointment of a sixth member to the commission, Bishop John L. Spalding of Illinois, whose name, it is announced in the official statement from the White House, was added to the commission by the President.

As the commissioner sympathetic with labor organizations the President has appointed E. E. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Ia., grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors.

General John M. Wilson's appointment as representative of the engineer corps of the Army and Navy, one of the stipulated requirements, is eminently pleasing to both sides. President Roosevelt overcame the objections of Secretary Root, who did not want an Army officer on the board, and insisted that General Wilson should serve.

E. W. Parker as the mining engineer was urged on the President by Dr. David T. Day of the geological survey.

The appointment of ex-Senator George Gray, Judge of the Eastern district of Pennsylvania, was expected. He is a man of wide legal and judicial experience.

Commissioner of Labor Carroll D. Wright, whose connection with the commission has been a certainty ever since the first, has been appointed its recorder. It was the President's desire and intention to make Wright a member of the commission because of his qualifications as an eminent sociologist, but Wright expressed a desire not to participate in the proceedings of the board as an arbitrator, and the President appointed him recorder.

Thomas H. Watkins, as the member familiar with the business of mining and selling coal, is a well-known and conservative business man of Scranton, Pa., for whom the operators and miners have the greatest respect.

It was a day and night of many changes and many rumors. The announcement of the names of the commissioners was not made until 2:20 o'clock this morning. For over an hour before that all that was definitely known was that a commission of six had been named by the President. This was simply the announcement of Secretary Cortelyou after the final conference in the President's room had been concluded.

At this conference there were present Secretary of War Root, Commissioner of Labor Wright, Commissioner of Immigration Frank P. Sargent, George W. Perkins and Robert S. Bacon. Of these men only two were present at the important conference on Monday night, when the proposition of the operators was made to the President in the same room. The conference tonight lasted from 10 o'clock until 1, and it was not until 1:15 that the President, in spite of his injured leg, retired for the night.

BALFOUR DETERMINED.

The Premier Proposes to Risk the Fate of His Ministry on the Impending Conflict in Parliament.

Manchester (England), October 14.—A notable addition to the controversy over the Government's educational bill was made tonight by Premier Balfour in an address he delivered before a mass meeting held in connection with the annual conference of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations. The Premier declared that the agitation against and the opposition to the bill were due to misunderstandings in false statements in its provisions and intentions. Mr. Balfour said that the country would no longer be hoodwinked by the travesties of truth which had been drunk in by those from whom better things were to be expected.

The Government has chosen to disturb the educational peace because the existing system of education was chaotic, ineffectual and behind the age, making Great Britain the laughing stock of other nations, and it was bound, the Premier said, to provide secondary education and to co-ordinate all the branches of public education under the control of the boroughs and county councils. If in doing this the Government has given a tonic to the Liberal party, Balfour did not begrudge it.

Continuing, the Premier asserted that a majority of the people believed that religion should be taught in the schools, but that it did not agree as to what religion, and that the only alternative was a system permitting denominational teaching in the schools wholly supported by rates, as well as promoting it in those schools which were not wholly supported. He said that the claim that representation did not follow taxation was erroneous, since the real control of the schools was vested, not in the church authorities, but in the municipal councils and their constituents.

The threats of the nonconformists to refuse to pay the rates, the Premier said, were unworthy the citizens of a free country. Civilized government was impossible if dissatisfied citizens refused to obey the laws. The nonconformists, the Premier declared, should hail the bill with pleasure, for it was an effort to give the people unlimited control of education, and their objections to it were in reality political, their object being to turn out the Conservative government. If the Government was defeated in this measure there would be no hope for educational reform, as the agitators did not desire it.

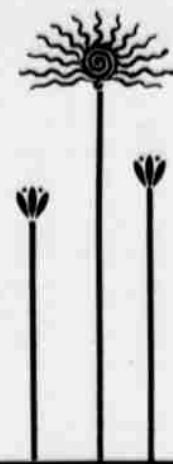
Balfour said he did not consider the consequences on political grounds, because the stake was the education of a generation of children. If this reform is not unhesitatingly carried through, concluded the Premier, the Government will earn and deserve the contempt of parents and of children yet unborn. The meeting passed a resolution pledging its support to the bill.

An Old Milestone.

Within a garden lying on the north side of West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between Amsterdam avenue and St. Nicholas avenue, says the New York Times, there stands fixed in the ground, supported by iron rods, a time-worn milestone with the following legible imprint: "Nine miles from New York." This seems to be one of the very few relics of the past, if not the only one of its kind, to be found at a distance of nine miles from the then city. There is another recorded by Charles Hemstreet in his recent work on "When Old New York Was Young" as being in existence at the Bowery and Rivington street.

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