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TWENTIETH CENTURY

STORMY SCENE AT CONFERENCE

Odell Scores Baer for His Reference to Political Interference in Strike.

GOVERNOR SUBMITS OFFER

Asks Operators to Pay Him Five Cents Per Ton More for Miners, but Proposal is Spurned.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—"What do you mean by 'politicians'?" I want you and all operators to understand that I am 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, the intolerable situation. And, what is more, I intend to use every power at my command to do it.

Governor Odell made this statement today to President Baer, of the Reading road, in the presence of United States Senators Platt, of New York, and Quay and Penrose, of Pennsylvania. It was the culmination of a heated interview in the office of Senator Platt and a result of the meeting between Governor Odell and President Baer.

Baer was not in the best of humor when, accompanied by E. B. Thomas, chairman of the board of directors of the Erie railroad, he entered Senator Platt's office. The conference began 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 that," said President Baer, "we are to recognize the existence of the labor union, I tell you right now that the operators will consider no such proposition."

Governor Odell was on his feet in an instant. White with excitement, he said: "Are we to understand that no kind of a conciliatory proposition would receive attention at the hands of the operators?"

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

Then it was that Governor Odell made the statement attributed to him at the beginning of this article.

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

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

"I believe," said Governor Odell, "that your position from a public view is absolutely untenable. If coal operators, railroad men and other business men can combine for mutual profit and protection, there is no reason why the laboring men should not."

"What is the proposition," asked Baer, coldly.

"Just this," said Governor Odell. "I am sure that the labor organization of which Mr. Mitchell is the head, desires to be fair with the general public. If the operators will consent to give me 5 cents a ton increase, I will personally present it to the miners, and I believe that they will accept it. It is a fair proposition."

"Does this mean, Governor Odell, that we are to recognize the miners' union?" said Baer.

"It certainly does," answered Governor Odell, quickly, "and there is no reason why you should not."

Baer and Thomas rose to go, Thomas remarking that the matter would be presented to the other operators and that an early answer would be forthcoming. Baer said:

"We are to meet the committee of the Manufacturers' Association on Tuesday and we may have an answer then."

After the conference the governor said:

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

About 5 o'clock John Mitchell called on the governor and had a long conference. While this was going on a dispatch announcing that the operators had refused to consider the terms offered by Governor Odell was received.

Governor Odell said: "Mr. Mitchell was eminently fair and

showed every disposition to adjust the serious situation."

DUTY ON ANTHRACITE COAL.

Secretary Moody Says Tariff of Sixty-seven Cents Must Be Taken Off.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 10.—Secretary of the Navy Moody, addressing a great Republican meeting here tonight, held that the duty of 67 cents per ton on anthracite coal was "smuggled into the tariff act in a sneaking and cowardly manner," and ought to be repealed "at a short session of congress."

"The people," said Secretary Moody, "appealed in vain to the coal operators to cooperate with the miners in an effort to bring about an end of the strike. Now, when these operators appeal to congress not to take off the duty of 67 cents on anthracite coal, their appeals will be likewise rejected."

WARRANT NOT SERVED.

Soldier Who Shot Striker Will Not Be Arrested.

SHENANDOAH, Oct. 10.—A warrant was sworn out today for the arrest of Private Wadsworth for killing William Durham yesterday, but Colonel Hulings, of the Eighteenth regiment, refused to allow the constable to serve it. Colonel Hulings says Wadsworth was justified in the shooting.

RIOTERS UNDER GUARD.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 10.—The city made an announcement today that the order of Governor Stone to place all persons arrested for rioting under military guard will be strictly enforced. A stockade is being erected at West Side Park, and the prisoners will be confined there.

BUTTE RAISES MONEY.

BUTTE, Oct. 10.—The various labor bodies of Butte have raised over \$3,000 for the benefit of the striking coal miners of Pennsylvania. It is proposed to give a ball at which it is expected to raise about \$10,000 for the strikers.

SHIPPING DEMORALIZED.

Coal Steamers Seek Return Cargo at Low Rates.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—One direct direct result of the importation of coal on a large scale is demoralization of trans-Atlantic shipping on this side to an extent that has seldom, if in fact ever been equalled, says the Journal of Commerce. Agents of more than 25 large steamers that have been chartered to bring coal and iron and steel to this country are now seeking return cargoes for their vessels. They are offering them for various dates up to December loading at 1 1/2% for the largest steamers and less for the smaller vessels, and quite a number of steamers have been chartered so far this month for return cargoes, largely on the foregoing terms.

The others will depart from either Boston or Portland, and under current conditions, it is expected that virtually all the other steamers when chartered will leave by these northern ports. A large part of the grain to be shipped by these ports is Canadian wheat, although American spring will also go quite freely. Lake and rail grain via Buffalo, it is understood is not concerned in the new arrangement.

LACK OF COAL FELT.

Army of Garment Makers Thrown Out of Work Because of Strike.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—If the miners' strike continues a few days longer, says the Tribune, paralysis of the garment and cloak industry, one of the greatest sources of employment on the East Side, may be expected.

One of the most conservative members of the Garmentmakers' Union, who has been for years associated with that industry, is quoted to the effect that 10 days more of the strike will mean the throwing out of work of at least 25,000. This would be caused by the inability of the pressers to get any coal or other fuel with which to heat their irons. A good deal of pressing is done in the tenements, women and children do a considerable share of it and the margin of profit is so small that the cost of changing to some other mode of heating is declared to be out of the question.

Inhabitants of this city are now feeling the first touch of cold weather. At 4 o'clock this morning the temperature was 46 degrees above, a drop of 2 degrees since 1:30 p. m. Thursday, and three degrees cooler than at midnight.

ADMIRAL LEAVES HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, engineer-in-chief of the United States navy, who was stricken with intermittent fever about 10 days ago, has recovered sufficiently, says a Times special from Philadelphia, to leave the hospital.

UNION VETERANS IN CIVIL STRIFE

Effort to Oust Commander Dyrenforth Results in Split in Organization.

NEW UNION WILL BE FORMED

Dyrenforth Refuses to Recognize Hostile Element and Secession Follows—G. A. R.'s Work Finished.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The encampment of the G. A. R. for 1902 came to a close today. San Francisco was chosen as the next place of meeting and the election of officers began yesterday was completed. Resolutions were adopted by the encampment having in view liberal treatment of veterans in the matter of public offices and pensions.

Kindred bodies to the parent organization also brought their several conventions to a close.

The Union Veterans' Union had a decidedly lively day and the final result was a split in the organization. The first row was over the question of eligibility to membership. A resolution was adopted that let down the bars too much to suit some of the state delegations with a large membership in the order. This caused ill-feeling. Later friction in the union developed rapidly in consequence of the adoption by the committee of order, which had been investigating the character and conduct of Commander-in-Chief Dyrenforth, of the report recommending the suspension of the commander-in-chief.

General Dyrenforth was presiding over the convention when the committee endeavored to report. He refused to recognize it or surrender his office to the next ranking officer of the order. Turbulent scenes followed, until finally a large element of the organization withdrew, those remaining re-electing General Dyrenforth and the seceders taking steps to form a new union.

Before adjourning today the encampment of the G. A. R. adopted a resolution submitted by Past Commander-in-Chief Burdette, endorsing the petition taken by Commander-in-Chief Torrance in his recent address calling for assistance from the members of the Grand Army for a home for the Confederate soldiers at Mountain Creek, Alabama, and urging on veterans generally the adoption of the attitude of brotherly kindness towards their foes of the Civil war.

TEACHER COMMITS MURDER.

Two School Girls and Three Trustees Victims of Fiend's Temper.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Oct. 10.—In a quarrel between a school teacher and the board of trustees at Altona, a little station on the Great Northern, seven persons have been shot. One of them is dead and five others are dying. The dead:

Henry I. Toewes, school teacher. Fatally wounded.

John Hiebert, school trustee. Peter Kehler, trustee.

—Kehler, daughter of Peter Kehler, aged 10.

—Kehler, daughter of Peter Kehler, aged 8.

—Abraham Rempt, school trustee.

—Rempt, daughter of Abraham Rempt, may recover.

The school is near a little village in the thickly settled part of the valley, which has a population of but a few hundred people. The settlers are all Menonites, who have lived in the vicinity for years.

The school has been in charge of a Menonite teacher named Henry Toewes. There has been some dissatisfaction with the management of the school and this has led to a great deal of bad feeling in the community.

Three members of the board of trustees met at the schoolhouse during the school hours to talk the trouble over with the teacher. Hot words were exchanged and suddenly Toewes drew his revolver and shot down the three trustees. He then rushed into the schoolhouse, where he shot Kehler's two daughters, aged 8 and 10 years, through the body. They will die. The 11-year-old daughter of Rempt was then attacked, but the bullet struck her in the arm, breaking the bone. The suicide followed.

APPEAL WITHDRAWN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—A notice of withdrawal has just been filed in the supreme court of the appeal from the

appointment of the Bridgeport Trust Company as administrator of the estate of Millionaire, Gillman, says a World special from Bridgeport, Conn. This is believed to be a forerunner of a settlement of the estate. For over a year the case has been before the court on interlocutory motions.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING.

Jealous Man Attempts Murder Then Ends His Own Life.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Mysterious features surround two attempts at murder and afterwards a suicide on the lower West Side. On Wednesday, Mrs. Adams, wife of a plasterer, was admitted to a hospital, where she is being treated for a bullet wound in the head. She was accompanied by Henry Brockstedt. How she received the wound is not known.

Twenty-four hours later Brockstedt entered the Adams home and found the husband of the wounded woman there and alone. He attacked Adams with a revolver, beating him over the head and then shot him. The police took up the case, and a few hours later found Brockstedt dead in his room on Dominick street. He had swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid and then shot himself.

Adams was taken to the hospital where his wife lay. The couple were permitted to converse, but no clear idea could be gathered of the shooting other than Brockstedt had attempted a double murder because of jealousy.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Harvard Professor Discovers Lightning Will Not Strike Water.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Experiments conducted by Prof. John Rowbridge of Harvard University, have led to the definite statement, says a Times special from Boston, that lightning will not strike water. By means of a battery of 20,000 cells he obtained a voltage of 6,000,000 which force, he says, is at least comparable to lightning and enabled him to deduce his conclusions. He said:

"With my battery I was able to obtain an electric spark about seven feet long and found that instead of striking the water a spark of six or seven feet in length invariably jumped to some adjacent object in preference to striking the liquid surface. A spark of only a few inches in length, however, will strike the water, but such a spark is not comparable to lightning.

"Beyond a million volts, the initial resistance of atmospheric air to electrical discharges becomes less and less and the discharge therefore is shunted through the air instead of upon the water and strikes some object adjacent to the water."

CHINA-PORTUGAL TREATY.

PEKIN, Oct. 10.—It is understood here that a treaty between China and Portugal affecting the expansion of the Portuguese colony of Macao approving the protocol, completing the list of treaties, accepting the tariff of 5 per cent and other provisions is ready for signature.

REBELS TO BE PUNISHED.

MOROCCO, Oct. 10.—Negotiations with the Berbers tribes at Mequinez have been stopped. It was found that their only object was to gain time. The sultan is preparing to take a large expedition from here with the purpose of thoroughly punishing the rebellious Berbers.

CONSOLIDATION OF INTERESTS

O. R. & N. and Short Line Merger Will Mean Much in Western Railroadings.

W. H. BANCROFT AS MANAGER

Short Line Road South of Salt Lake to Be Turned Over to the New Line to Los Angeles.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 10.—The Desert

News this afternoon says:

The visit of the Harriman representatives to Salt Lake this year bids fair to mark an epoch in the railroad history of the West. Tucked away in the action taken at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Short Line yesterday lies the consolidation of the interests of the Oregon Railroads & Navigation Company, with its railroad and steamship lines, and the Oregon Short Line, with W. H. Bancroft as general manager.

It is asserted that this consolidation will go into effect the first of the year and that part of the Short Line south of Salt Lake City will be relinquished, either by sale or lease to the promoters of the San Pedro Los Angeles and Salt Lake road.

CRISIS TO STREET-CAR STRIKE.

Efforts to Effect Settlement Voted Down by the Union.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 10.—The crisis of the strike of the street-car men will come tomorrow. The mayor sought to effect a settlement today. The proposition was voted down by the strikers' union, and it was rejected.

Tonight Governor Heard issued a proclamation against any unlawful assemblies on the streets and warning the people to preserve order. A conference was in progress at midnight looking to the disposition of the military forces in anticipation of an attempt to run cars tomorrow.

WAGES RAISED.

BUTTE, Oct. 10.—Superintendent Horn of the Montana division of the Northern Pacific, announces that the wages of all switchmen and the switch engine foreman on his division will be raised 15 cents per day, taking effect October 1.

WORK OF FIRE BUGS.

ATHENS, Oct. 10.—An immense fire of incendiary origin is raging at Pikeroni, midway between Athens and the Marathon river. A large force of troops has been despatched to the aid of the fire brigade.

NEW YORKERS WEAR FURS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—In the tenement districts the cold snap manifests itself by the desertion of the streets and the children filled into houses earlier than usual and winter wraps in use generally about town.

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