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P. A. STOKES

TWENTIETH CENTURY

WILL NOT AGREE TO PLAN OF OPERATORS

Miners Feel That President Should Not Be Restricted in the Selection of a Commission.

Mitchell Says Full Statement of Position of Miners Will Be Made When Meaning of Operators' Offer Is Made Clear--Gompers Thinks Proposal Unfair.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 14.—From a thorough canvass of the situation tonight there is every indication that the arbitration plan proposed by the presidents of the coal companies for ending the miners' strike will not be accepted in its present form.

There is a division of opinion among the strikers, but the majority feel that the offer to have the president of the United States select the arbitration commission along the lines suggested by the operators is not fair, and that it unduly limits the board.

The miners will abide by the advice of their national president, in whose judgment they have the utmost confidence. Mitchell declines to say how he personally looks upon the proposition, but tonight he gave the following statement:

"I fully appreciate with what anxiety the people of the country are awaiting an end of the coal strike. The coal operators have not addressed the miners' union or its officers in making their public statement. It is, therefore, impossible for me to state our attitude at this time. I am deeply solicitous of the interests of the public and the welfare of the mine workers, who have been on strike for the past five months. A formal statement defining our position and intentions will be issued as soon as we are in possession of the full meaning of the proposition of the operators."

There will be a conference tomorrow between Mitchell and three district presidents and Secretary Wilson. It is fully expected that the sentiment of all the strikers will be known tomorrow, and that the final action will be taken accordingly.

It developed here tonight that Nathan Strauss, of New York, with the assistance of J. P. Morgan has been endeavoring for the past few days to end the strike. Strauss had received assurance from Morgan that if the men would return to work that he (Morgan) would see that justice was done the miners, but he did not care to have anything to do with the union. The proposition was laid before Mitchell and he refused it on the ground that he would not advise the men to return to work in a hope that Morgan would do something for them. Representatives of Strauss received the final

answer today and they gave out the information tonight.

GOMPERS NOT SATISFIED.
Expresses Hope That President Will Decline to Act On Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor tonight stated to the Associated Press his views on the proposition of the coal operators. Mr. Gompers said in part:

"In my opinion, the proposition made by the operators, so far as their designation of who should be invited to go on the commission of arbitration is concerned, is an insult to the president of the United States.

"In the classes of persons from whom the mineowners prescribe a commission shall be selected there is not a single representative of the man who digs coal, the man who works in the mines. "I hope that the president will decline to act upon the proposition unless given a free hand."

THIS IS DIFFERENT.
Belief Expressed That Proposition Will Be Accepted.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The regular weekly meeting of the coal operators today was preceded by a conference with a committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the salient points of the plan to settle the anthracite coal strike were submitted by the manufacturers. The operators will consider the plan while the mineowners are reaching a conclusion in regard to the proposal of arbitration submitted to President Roosevelt yesterday.

A member of the manufacturers' committee said that he knew from assertions that the plan would be acceptable to Mitchell. According to President Parry's secretary, at a meeting between Mitchell and representatives of the Manufacturers' Association at Buffalo last week, Mitchell agreed to forego the recognition of the union in his demands on the operators if there was a general advance of 10 per cent.

While the coal operators' meeting was in progress, J. P. Morgan and

Robert Bacon arrived from Washington. Morgan was asked:

"Have you heard anything from Mitchell in regard to the terms of the operators?"

"No," replied the financier.

"Have you anything to say about your conference with the president?"

"Not a word. The newspapers have had everything that occurred there."

Mr. Baer was asked if the coal presidents had had any intimation that the proposition made to President Roosevelt was acceptable to the miners.

"You will have to see Mitchell," was the reply. "We certainly did not consult Mitchell."

One of the men prominent in coal circles said today:

"The arbitration proposition now before the president was formulated by the men whose names are appended thereto. It is only fair to say that Morgan took an active part in the proceedings, and his suggestions were most valuable.

"The operators realize that matters had reached a stage where somebody had to give way. As men of common sense, they knew that they could not freeze out the American public. Morgan was frank to say that something had to be done at once, or the hard coal interests would suffer a serious harm. The force of his argument was generally recognized."

WILL BE LITTLE DELAY.
Miners Will Return to Work Within Twenty-four Hours.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—When the miners' strike shall have been officially declared at an end, the full force of 143,000 men will report for duty within 24 hours, says a World dispatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Seventy-five thousand tons of coal can be mined, it is believed, and be ready for shipment in 48 hours, and the amount increased to 100,000 or 125,000 tons a day at the end of a week. It can be moved to New York and other Atlantic cities in 36 hours from the time it is brought from the mines.

A fact that seems to indicate preparation on the part of the coal companies to transport coal in large quantities is the arrival at coal shipping centers of an increased number of cars.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.
State Aid for Highways Advocated by Martin Dodge.

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—The good roads convention opened today, United States Road Commissioner Richardson presiding. Many delegates from various parts of the state are in attendance.

Martin Dodge, director of the bureau of the public road inquiries, made an address advocating state aid for the roads.

CHICAGO'S AID TO STRIKERS.
CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—The Chicago

miners' relief committee has just forwarded \$3,900, making a total of \$11,000 sent thus far to support the strikers. The total of contributions received is \$11,656.

SHORTER HOURS FOR WORKMEN
MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 14.—The eight-hour schedule has been put in effect in all the Minneapolis flour mills. Hereafter there will be three instead of two shifts.

EX CABINET MEMBER INJURED.
NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles S. Fairchild was knocked down by a trolley car today. His injuries are severe.

NATIVES ARE PACIFIED
General Grant Says Conditions In Philippines Are Much Better.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Speaking of conditions on the island of Samar, General Fred D. Grant, who has just returned from the Philippines, said in an interview:

"Samar is enjoying the first period of peace that it has ever known and I am entirely satisfied that the inhabitants of the islands will not attempt any further trouble for our government.

"Now that they have been forced by the stress of military operations to cease their hostility, the natives for

the most part seem actually and absolutely contented with the new order of things.

"When I first went to Samar it was a case of fight your way everywhere and protect yourself while doing so. A soldier could not venture much out of hailing distance of even the conquered towns without being set upon and killed by savage natives. Now an American can go anywhere and go unarmored.

"The Moros, of course, will commit acts of depredation now and again, but it needs only a strong police force to hold them in check. A little trouble may also be expected from the natives of the Sulu group, who are more ignorant than those on the other islands."

General Grant paid a high tribute to the services in checking the cholera epidemic rendered by Surgeons Reno, Sargent, Pinto, Dekraft and Stockdale.

BIG CALIFORNIA FIRE.
Lumber Company and Southern Pacific Suffer Heavy Loss.

ASHLAND, Ore., Oct. 14.—Last night the fire at Klamathon, California, destroyed the extensive plant of the Pokegama Sugar Pine Lumber Company, including buildings costing \$75,000, 8,000,000 feet of lumber, immense quantities of sashes, doors and box material, the company stores, the post-office, the meat market, a dozen dwelling houses, two hotels, four grocery stores, six saloons and two lively stables, causing a total estimated loss of half a million dollars.

The fire is reported of incendiary origin and many incidents tend to corroborate the charge. After the main mill and the box factory had burned and the fire was thought to be over, the flames suddenly burst out in the new box factory 500 feet distant. While the mill and box factory plant was supplied with good fire apparatus, an dther was an abundant water supply, these precautions were practically useless for it was found that much of the hose had been cut.

Besides 2,000 feet of track and depot and warehouse buildings were burned. The Southern Pacific lost about a dozen freight cars and freight and passenger traffic of the road was interrupted for twelve hours.

MUST CLEAN TELEPHONES.
Precautions in New York to Prevent Spread of Disease.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—In order to make certain that disease shall not be transmitted by means of telephones, Commissioner Homer Folks, of the charities department of Greater New York, has issued an order that all the telephones used by employees must be disinfected every week. The mouth-piece is to be unwound and scrubbed clean, then immersed for a few moments in an antiseptic bath.

TARIFF MUST BE THE GREAT ISSUE

Ex-President Cleveland Gives Advice to Democrats for the Next Campaign.

ISSUE ABOVE PARTY LINES

Believes Republicans Will Declare for Reform if Democrats Do Come Out Unequivocally for It.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—To a representative of the Evening Post, who asked him his views on the outlook for and the duty of the Democracy in the approaching Congressional elections ex-President Grover Cleveland said:

"It seems to me that if the Democracy is really in earnest it cannot fail largely to increase its representation in the next congress, but in order to do so I think that there must be a constant and stalwart insistence upon the things which are recognized by all to be true Democratic doctrines. Of course, by far the most important of these is the tariff reform. On this issue I am satisfied that the Democracy is face to face with a great opportunity. All the signs of the times point to a recognition, far beyond all party lines, of the benefits which would accrue to the people by a readjustment of the tariff, and it would be worse than folly for the party, under the stress of any temptation or yielding to any allurement, to permit this to be subordinated to or overshadowed by any other issue."

"The present restlessness in Republican circles on this subject, often amounting to protests against Republican protection theories, should warn Democracy of any impending danger. I mean by this the possibility that our opponents may crowd us from our position on the subject if we allow them to do so by our lukewarmness and in defense, and to occupy our ground, just as we permitted them to crowd us from the ground that belonged to us on the question of sound money. I am very much pleased with the deliverance of the New York Democracy on the tariff issue, and it was fit and proper that the Empire state should sound the right note. It is my clear conviction that the best assurance of success for the Democracy in the next national campaign will be found in a sincere and unremitting insistence upon its old-time doctrine of a fair and beneficial tariff readjustment."

"I am at a loss to understand by what process of reasoning the notion has gained a footing in certain Democratic headquarters not only that no importance attaches to a Democratic ascendancy in the next house of representatives, but even that it might be advantageous to party prospects in 1904 for it to continue in its present minority now. Political warfare ought to be regarded as continuous, and if the results battled for are worth having at all, they are worthy of our best efforts at all times, and under all circumstances."

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