



MINERS AND OPERATORS READY FOR CONFERENCE

EVE OF ANTHRACITE CONFERENCE FINDS SITUATION UNCHANGED

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STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED IN OHIO DISTRICT

PRESIDENT GREEN OF OHIO MINE WORKERS ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS WITH ANY OF OPERATORS WHO WILL AGREE TO PAY THE 1903 SCALE TO EMPLOYEES.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The eve of the second meeting of the committee representing the anthracite mine workers and their employers finds the situation so far as the hard coal fields are concerned, unchanged from that disclosed in the communications that have passed between the contending forces and those which have been made public. Neither a miner nor an operator would tonight venture a prediction of the outcome. Both sides are hopeful, however, and the feeling is that some way out of the difficulty will be found. Mitchell arrived here tonight. The conciliatory spirit shown at the first meeting of the two committees is not expected to obtain at tomorrow's conference.

No Conciliatory Spirit.

The operators are indignant at the action of the miners in enforcing the suspension of operations. The district leaders of the mine workers in defending their course say the action of the Shamokin Coal Committee was justified and that no agreement between the operators and the men existed after midnight, Saturday. Mitchell made a statement today that more than a hundred thousand soft coal miners were already granted the 1903 scale and predicted by the end of the week eighty per cent of the bituminous workers will have been given the 5.55 per cent advance in wages. He thought that within forty-five days every soft coal mine where the men are organized, will be working on a union basis.

Beat of Feeling.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—The best of feeling between operators and miners is reported from small sections and the hope is expressed on both sides that a satisfactory agreement may be reached at the conference in New York tomorrow. Significance is attached by the miners to the fact that there is no apparent attempt on the part of the operators to import non-union labor, which they regard as a favorable sign. The miners' leaders are careful to assert that no strike is declared, the pension they claim, being merely a business necessity as the miners have no

arrangements with the operators until the scale is adjusted by the committee. The miners' officials tonight estimated 143,000 had obeyed the order to suspend operations, leaving 17,000 men permitted to continue work to prevent the mines from flooding.

Avert Strike in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, April 2.—Prospects of averting the protracted strike in Ohio seems decidedly more hopeful tonight. President Green, of the Ohio mine workers tonight announced he would waive his personal views and authorize the signing of the contracts with any of the operators who will agree to pay the 1903 scale. Six companies in Ohio have declared a willingness to pay the 1903 scale. These companies control one-sixth of the output of the state.

Robbins Signs Contract.

PITTSBURG, April 2.—F. L. Robbins of the Pittsburg Coal Company, has signed the 1903 scale and companies representing thirty million tons, or three quarters of the coal mined in the Pittsburg soft coal district have done likewise. The independent operators at a meeting tonight voted not to sign the scale in support of the independent operators of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In the other district of Western Pennsylvania the situation is about as pacific as the Pittsburg district. Indications are that many operators will sign the 1903 scale.

All Want Scale.

KANSAS CITY, April 2.—All the coal miners in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma, 25,000 men are idle, having struck for the 1903 scale. It is expected numerous operators will sign the scale soon.

CENTENARIAN DIES.

CHICAGO, April 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Wabash, Ind., says: The Rev. Samuel Murray, a well-known German Baptist minister, died yesterday. It was the one hundredth anniversary of his birth and he expected to celebrate the event by preaching the last sermon of his life. He had been in the ministry for seventy years.

HILL BUILDING ANOTHER TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

ST. PAUL, April 2.—The Pioneer Press tomorrow will say that James J. Hill is constructing a transcontinental road between Winnipeg and Vancouver, B. C., and that five hundred miles are in process of construction and that plans call for 1800 miles. Hill is not

building in connection with the Canadian Northern as was surmised and there soon will be an exciting rail laying contest between the Great Northern, Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific. The work will be completed as fast as possible.

LIABILITY MEASURE

House Passes Personal Liability Bill Favored by Railroad Employes, Unanimously.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Chief among the measures passed by the House today was the personal liability bill, which has been favored by the army of railroad employes throughout the country and which practically is the unanimous report from the committee. Members of the House showed great interest in the measure and had a division been called for the bill would have had almost a unanimous vote.

PLENTY OF WATER.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Reports of an impending water famine at Colon are denied by Engineer Stevens, who cables there is ample water and no one will suffer.

ELECTIONS DELAYED

Governor Higgins Signs Bill Postponing Insurance Elections.

THE OFFICERS ARE CRITICIZED

New York's Governor Issues Memorandum Sharply Censuring the Insurance Directors Whom he Has Put Out of Office.

ALBANY, April 2.—Governor Higgins, today affixed his signature to the bill postponing until November 15th, the annual elections in the New York Life, the Mutual Life of New York, the Security Mutual of New York and the Security Mutual of Binghamton, the four are purely mutual life insurance companies in the incorporated laws of this state. It does not affect the Equitable which is a stock company. In signing the Governor issued a memorandum sharply criticizing the directors, whom he has thus legislated from office. The act invalidates every proxy heretofore secured, including Lawson's. Nine other insurance bills are pending.

RESULT IS NOT KNOWN

St. Petersburg Election Closes, and Sweeping Victory for Constitutional Democrats.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—The elections in St. Petersburg are not known tonight. The ballot boxes have been sealed up and the count is postponed until tomorrow. A sweeping victory for the constitutional democrats is conceded.

MAY GRANT AMNESTY

Rumor in Circulation That Czar Will Grant General Amnesty to Political Prisoners.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—It is rumored Nicholas' Easter gift to his people will be a proclamation granting general amnesty to political prisoners. In the midst of the present repression, however, it is difficult to understand how it is possible to open the doors of the overcrowded prisons.

BIG SPOKANE FIRE.

SPOKANE, April 2.—Fire in the Marian block, part of the Tull estate which has been in litigation for years, caused damage of between thirty and forty thousand dollars tonight. The stock of the Allen Shoe Company suffered two-thirds of the loss. In the block is the Cinegraph theatre, a ten-cent show which was crowded with spectators when the alarm was turned in. The manager discovered smoke coming from the basement ordered the curtain rung down in the middle of a comedian's turn, and the audience fled out in perfect order, unconscious of the danger. The block was to be placed under the hammer this month to satisfy the claims of one of the Tull heirs.

RATE BILL ARGUED

Senate Debates Over Railroad Rate Measure.

FULTON MAKES ABLE SPEECH

Senator From Oregon Presents Legal Aspects of the Bill and Engages in Long Debate With Other Senators.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2.—The amendment to the railroad rate bill agreed to at the White House Saturday by friends of the bill and providing for a limited review of the orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, was offered in the Senate today by Long of Kansas, but he was not able to get the floor to make a speech on the bill. The principal speech today was by Fulton of Oregon who spoke for the bill. It was a legal argument bearing upon the constitutional questions involved in the legislation and interruptions were so frequent that the speech amounted to a debate on the law points, where the speaker divided his time with a majority of the lawyers of the Senate. Nelson of Minnesota, and Heyburn of Idaho made brief speeches on the bill.

WILL NOT PLAY GAME

Berkeley and Stanford Will Not Adopt the American Revised Football Rules.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 2.—The modifications of the American football rules adopted by the Eastern rules committee will have no effect on the game in California. The conference committee of Stanford and California Universities did not recede from their decision substituting Rugby for the American game.

DOWIE'S OVERTHROW IS FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

Seven Thousand Members of Zion City Cheer Viciously at the Announcement of Their Leader's Downfall—Speeches are Made.

PEOPLE REJOICE OVER ELLJAH'S DOWNFALL

CHURCH DIGNITARIES QUOTE BIBLE PASSAGES EXPRESSING THEIR OPINION OF DOWIE—VOLIVA SAYS "THOU SHALT NOT STEAL," AND IS CHEERED BY THE MONSTER CROWD FOR HIS EXPRESSION.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Formal announcement of the overthrow of John Alexander Dowie, was made today by Overseer John G. Speicher, who presided over a meeting of 7000 members of the church in the Tabernacle at Zion City. The meeting opened with a quotation by the various church dignitaries of the sentiment which has grown up against the self styled prophet. The crowd which filled the great structure and which formerly answered "yes" or "no," when Dowie nodded or shook his head, tonight applauded when he was accused.

The new dictator of Zion's fortunes, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, responded to the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Steal." Greeted With Applause.

This sentiment was greeted with vociferous applause. Mrs. Jane Dowie wife of the "First Apostle," followed. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." More applause followed. The congregation then joined with a zest that seemed to indicate its belief in the words "Better days are coming."

Gladstone Dowie, son of Dr. Dowie and Overseer John Excell, explained to the audience the new turn of affairs.

PLOT TO KILL KING

Spanish Authorities Discover Anarchist Plot to Assassinate Royal Family of Spain.

MADRID, April 2 (via the frontier).—Spanish authorities have discovered an anarchist plot at Lebrija, 29 miles from Seville, the notorious center of the "Black Hand" organizations, to assassinate the royal family during the visit of King Alphonso, the Dowager Queen, Maria Christina, and the sister of the King, the Infanta Maria Teresa, to Seville during holy week. The censorship prevents the sending of details regarding the conspiracy.

THE LORD SPEAKS.

LONDON, April 2.—In the House of Lords today, Lord Denman, a Liberal, replying for the government, said the ministers would not agree to a rebate in the excise duty on sugar in case the beet sugar industry was started in Great Britain.

ARE ABOUT TO CLASH

Sensational Dispatch Received From Manchuria Saying Russia and China Will Fight.

MOSCOW, April 2.—The Russkoe Slovo has received a sensational telegram from the correspondent at Harbin, Manchuria, saying that hostilities are imminent between the Russian and Chinese troops. He intimates that the Chinese, influenced by Japanese, are moving forward; that the situation is so tense that the Russian demobilization of troops has been stopped and that General Groidoff, the Russian commander-in-chief, has issued instructions to prepare for eventualities.

BILL SENDS CONGRATULATIONS.

BERLIN, April 2.—William telegraphed the German delegates to the Moroccan conference a cordial acknowledgment of their work at Algeciras. Chancellor Von Bulow will address the Reichstag on May 5th on the subject of Morocco.

HOUSE PASSES NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MEASURES

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The House has passed a bill permitting the fortification of sweet wines and levying a tax of three cents a gallon on all wines thus fortified. The bill will make the law governing the appointment of cadets to Annapolis conform with that of appointments to West Point, giving a year for preparing for the examination and forfeiting of railroad rights of way, the plats for which have been filed with the department of the interior for five years or more and lines along which, have not been built, except in cases where construction is now in progress.