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STRIKES IMPENDING

The United Mine Workers to Be Called Out Soon in the Virginias.

AFFECTS 35,000 MINERS

The Convention in Pennsylvania Has Not Adjourned.

IT MAY ORDER OUT ITS MEMBERS

If It Does the Trouble There Will Begin About April 1.

A SERIOUS QUESTION UP IN LOWELL

The Mill Agents There Have Unconditionally Refused the Demands of the Textile Workers.

Charleston, W. V., March 23.—The announcement of Secretary-Treasurer W. B. Wilson of the United Mine Workers of America, that a strike would likely be called soon of the 35,000 miners in this State and Virginia, has caused no surprise here, where both sides seem to be participating in it. It is believed that a conference between the operators and miners of the two States will soon be held, although there are reports that the demands of the miners may be made without further conference. Representatives of the operators have been here for the past two days from the Kanawha, New and Elk river districts. A committee was appointed to meet a committee from the West Virginia miners' association with a view of arranging the wage scale.

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General Observations.
Observations taken by the United States weather bureau at 8 p. m., 7th meridian time:
Temperature, Fall
Amarillo, Texas 59
Albino, Texas 49
Coppell, Texas 54
Dallas, Texas 59
Dodge City, Kan 46
El Paso, Texas 49
Galveston, Texas 64
Jacksonville, Fla 62
Kansas City, Mo 59
Memphis, Tenn 62
Montgomery, Ala 62
Nashville, Tenn 64
New Orleans, La 64
North Platte, Neb 44
Oklahoma, O. T. 59
Omaha, Neb 56
Oroville, Tex 56
St. Louis, Mo 59
St. Paul, Minn 52
Vicksburg, Miss 58
San Antonio, Texas 59

COLD WEATHER IN EUROPE.
Navigation is Closed on All Rivers to South of Russia.
Odessa, March 23.—After abnormally mild weather the frost has now closed the navigation on all rivers to the south of Russia, including the Danube and the Dniester. The absence of snow promises badly for crops.

TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED.
Berne, Switzerland, March 23.—Traffic here has been greatly interrupted by the heavy snowfalls.

COLD IN SPAIN.
Madrid, March 23.—Spain is experiencing extremely cold weather. Heavy snows and hailstorms in Seville and Cordoba have destroyed the crops and killed some people.

THE CUBAN TRANSFER.
Questions Concerning It Discussed at the White House.
Washington, March 23.—Matters incident to the transfer of Cuba from American to Spanish control formed the subject of a conference of several hours' duration at the White House tonight between the president, Secretary Root, Postmaster General Payne and Governor General Leonard Wood. The subject was gone over in many of its features and an interchange of ideas expressed. Postmaster General Payne had his first opportunity to meet General Wood tonight. Mr. Payne believes that the change in the two governments so far as postal matters are concerned can be arranged very easily, although he believes it will be necessary for a time at least to retain some of the postal officials of the island in their present places until the business of the department is in smooth running order.

MAY USE THEIR OWN DISCRETION.
New Bedford, Mass., March 23.—The executive meeting of the National Textile Workers' union today authorized the local executive of Lowell to use its own discretion in the matter of striking.

STRIKE LIKELY AT NEW ORLEANS.
New Orleans, La., March 23.—At a mass meeting of the Central trades and labor council today resolutions were passed urging a stand for recognition of unionism as more important than other grievances. This will doubtless bring to naught the preference to be held tomorrow, if the union increases the demands and in that case a strike would be inevitable, it is thought.

MILL SPINNERS IN TROUBLE.
Lowell, Mass., March 23.—At a meeting of the mill spinners' union it was voted to demand an advance in wages of 10 per cent to go into effect March 31, thus giving the mill owners a week in which to consider the proposition. Unless the demand is granted a general strike may follow.

BREWERS DISCUSSING A STRIKE.
Boston, March 23.—The brewery workers of Boston, who have been threatening to strike because their demands for an eight-hour day and other conditions have been refused, met today. The question of accepting a compromise offered by the brew-

HE WILL BE RETIRED.

Watterson Says a Chance President Holds that Club Over Miles.

(Special to The Post.)

New Orleans, March 23.—A Washington special to the Times-Democrat says: Henry Watterson, the distinguished journalist, is of the opinion that General Miles is marked for punishment. In a interview tonight Mr. Watterson said: "Little need be added to what has been said already as to the case of General Miles. From the day when he refused to become an orderly for the administration he was marked for punishment. While Mr. McKinley lived this was limited to condemnation chiefly, but with the advent of Mr. Roosevelt a more drastic course of proceeding was adopted."

"The president fairly looked at the first chances to assail and humiliate General Miles that offered itself, or rather, that seemed to offer itself, for he had as a matter of fact no authority, either under the constitution of the United States or the articles of war, to reprimand the general except for a single offense."

"As I have repeatedly stated, without contradiction or denial, the only act for which, under the articles of war, the president may reprimand an officer, is indiscreet behavior at public worship. General Miles has not been even accused of that."

"To forge a pretext for the president, the law ruling in such cases was shamefully garbled. The head and front of Miles' offending is that he agreed with

ers was discussed. A committee of six was appointed with full power to either settle the difficulty or call a strike."

NON-UNION MEN AND STRIKERS IN CONFLICT.
Columbus, Ohio, March 23.—The trouble growing out of the molders' strike at the Hoop Engineering company's plant culminated in a conflict today between the strikers and the men employed to take their place. Raymond Lawley was badly beaten in a fight this afternoon in which over a score of men participated, and Thomas Hoffmann was badly cut and bruised in a fight.

SITUATION AT NORFOLK.
The Seventy-first Regiment May Be Recalled.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—A. C. Warrall and Leo Wynn, strikers, who were arrested at midnight last night charged with attempting to wreck a car of the Norfolk Street Railway and Power company, were released tonight on \$500 bonds each. The police claim Wynn had a revolver on his person when arrested. All cars are being looked out for tonight by guards. The suburban lines especially are being closely watched. There are fifty deputy sheriffs on duty. A repetition of last night's trouble will mean the possible recall of the Seventy-first regiment, recently released from duty.

THIRTY STRIKERS KILLED.
They Fired on Soldiers Who Returned It Effectively.

Tifts, Trans-Caucasia, Russia, March 23.—The Official Caucasus Gazette reports a strike among the men employed at the Rothschild's petroleum works at Tifts, on the Black sea. According to the news paper, 300 strikers went last Friday to the police station and demanded the release of the ringleaders who had been arrested the previous day. This demand was refused. The strikers reassembled the following day (Saturday), attacked the jail and attempted to release the prisoners. They fired at the soldiers who were guarding the prison. The latter in turn fired on the mob. Thirty of the rioters were killed and one soldier was wounded.

THE CREW WAS SAVED.
The Spanish Steamer Ea Is Probably a Total Loss.

New York, March 23.—Captain W. Garry of the Spanish steamer Ea and his crew of twenty-seven men were brought to this port today by the Old Dominion liner Princess Anne. The Ea left Ferdinandina March 23 for Bilbao, Spain, with a cargo of phosphate rock and resin. Saturday morning, March 15, while feeling her way in a thick fog with two lookouts forward and the captain and first mate aft, the steamer struck a rock grounded on the sand bank. Sunday a south-southwest gale came up and drove the vessel further on the bar. It kicked up a heavy sea, which broke over the ship with terrific force and she began breaking up. By daylight the back-bow was broken and she parted in the middle.

FOUND DEAD.
A Canadian Was Asphyxiated by Gas in Chicago.

Chicago, March 23.—A man supposed to be J. McGregor of London, Ont., 45 years old, was found dead in his room at a Shelton street hotel today. Gas was escaping from an open jet. The man had not undressed and lay on the floor beside the bed in such a position as to indicate that he died struggling.

WANTS THE BIG FIGHT.
Charleston is Willing to Give \$25,000 for the Mill.

Charleston, S. C., March 23.—J. C. Jauqua today urged the starting of a New York paper offering a guaranteed purse of \$25,000 in cash, or 70 per cent of the gross gate receipts as a bid for a two-day card glove contest between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons on May 15, to be pulled off on the grounds of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition here. If the offer is accepted 20 acres with a seat-

VISITED PRETORIA

Several Prominent Boers Went There Under a Flag of Truce.

THE OBJECT NOT KNOWN

It Is Believed that They Wanted to See Lord Kitchener.

MAY HAVE MADE PEACE OVERTURES

Whatever Their Object, the News Was Welcomed in London.

COMMENT OF A FRENCH NEWSPAPER

It Says that the Boers' Visit Was at the Instance of the British Who Want Peace.

Pretoria, March 23.—Acting President Schalkberger of the Transvaal, ex-secretary of state of the Transvaal, and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh, with their secretaries and attendants, arrived here yesterday, March 22, at 2:34 p. m. on a special train from Balmoral, about fifty miles east of here. They came into Balmoral under a flag of truce.

Upon arriving here Mr. Schalkberger and his party drove immediately to Lord Kitchener's headquarters, where he had an interview with the British general. The Boers afterward proceeded to the railroad station and at 5 o'clock took the train for Kroonstad, whence they will go out under a safe conduct.

For a week past Mr. Schalkberger and his colleagues have been stationed at Rheinstert Kop, north of Balmoral, where they have been closely probed by British columns. Dispatch riders entered Balmoral Friday night and notified the British of the approach of Mr. Schalkberger and his party.

It is reported that the Boer position at Rheinstert Kop had become almost hopeless and that Mr. Schalkberger once narrowly escaped capture.

London, March 23.—The news that the wandering Boer "government" officials had entered the British lines is regarded as having but one meaning, namely, that another attempt is being made to negotiate peace and that they intend to see Lord Kitchener. The fact that the censor passed the news of this movement is accepted as confirmation of this opinion. Nothing is actually known here of the intentions of Messrs. Schalkberger, Reitz, Meyer and Krogh. It is possible they have only sought permission to traverse the British lines in order to consult with Mr. Steyn and other Boer generals, Dewet and Delar Rey. But whatever their object, the news has been welcomed in London as pointing to the possibility of peace.

Some correspondents who was seized a short time ago, when Mr. Steyn narrowly escaped capture, proved that he and Mr. Schalkberger were anxious to conclude peace. No extravagant hopes, however, are being built on the outcome of the movements of Mr. Schalkberger and his companions, chiefly because it is feared that Delar Rey, in the flush of his recent success, will refuse to be a party to any negotiations.

The war office has informed a representative of the Associated Press that it has received no official information either confirming or contradicting the news.

Commandant Krogh is one of the secretaries of the Boer government. He was formerly the administrator of Swatland and has not been prominent during the war.

ENGLISH PRESS COMMENT.
London, March 23.—Few of the papers here comment on the news from Pretoria. Those that do for granted that Mr. Schalkberger and his companions are on a mission of peace and again engaged in a discussion of possible peace terms, expressing the hope that the overtures will have a successful outcome. The presence of Lucas Meyer is regarded as significant, as he is an intimate friend of Louis Botha.

The Daily Chronicle, commenting on the absence of Botha from the delegation, suggests he is standing aside owing to the failure of his overtures of a year ago, and considers that, although the conditions Lord Kitchener then offered to Botha had been annulled, it is highly probable that peace may still be arranged on similar lines, but that the Boers can not expect more lenient terms.

The Daily News remarks that a settlement would be possible if the Boers were treated like civilized combatants. "But men do not surrender unconditionally just after taking one of the enemy's generals and four of his guns."

FRENCH NEWSPAPER'S COMMENT.
Brussels, March 24.—The Petit Bleu, referring to the arrival of Messrs. Schalkberger, Reitz and Commandants Meyer and Krogh, says it believes that Mr. Schalkberger's move is in response to fresh British overtures for peace, made out of gratitude for the release of General Methuen, and predicts that these overtures will lead to no result unless Boer independence is conceded.

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PRESIDENT'S DAY.
Roosevelt Will Present that Sword to Maor Jenkins April 9.
Charleston, March 23.—April 9 has been set apart as president's day at the exposition. A feature of the day will be the presentation to Major Jenkins by his former chief of Rough Riders of a beautiful sword from the South Carolinians. A State committee will have charge of the presentation ceremonies and former Governor Hugh S. Thompson, now of New York, has consented to head the committee and make a speech.

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