Fair today; increasing cloudiness tomorrow; probably rain; light, northerly winds.

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UTHOFF TELLS BRIBERY STORY

Astounding Revelation in Connection With Central Traction Bill in St. Louis Made at Snyder Trial.

SALARIES WERE PAID

Seven Members of the Council, Witness States, Received $5,000 a Year, in Addition to Fees for Votes on Franchise.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 2.—There were astounding revelations today in the trial of Robert M. Snyder, the promoter charged with boodling in connection with the Central Traction bill.

Frederick Uthoff, ex-councilman, was the first witness to testify for the State. He told in detail how R. M. Snyder bribed him with a promise of $100,000. Uthoff also swore that Snyder told him he had paid to ex-Councilman Charles E. Carroll $15,000 and the president of the city council, E. F. W. Meier, $50,000, the latter sum being given to Frederick Meier to hand to his father.

Continuing, witness told of a meeting he had with Snyder in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, where the promoter paid him $2,500 and said that he was then a resident of New York. Further on Uthoff told of a conference at Gast's Garden, North St. Louis, at which were present six other councilmen besides himself. At this meeting the Central Traction bill was discussed and the deal fixed up.

Councilmen on Salary.

Uthoff testified that himself and six councilmen had been paid a salary of $5,000 a year by Col. Ed Butler, representing the railroad interests other than the Central Traction Company, in order to protect these properties, the money being handed to him (Uthoff) by Ed Butler every month, and was by him distributed among the other members of the council combine.

Uthoff further testified that John Scullin had given him $25,000 to introduce the United Traction bill in opposition to the Central Traction bill, but that he subsequently returned the money to Scullin through Ed Butler.

It was late in the afternoon when Uthoff had concluded and the defense took the witness in an endeavor to shake his testimony, but failed to cause him to make any material change in his testimony.

Paid $50,000 for Vote.

Louis Dieckman was the next witness called. He told about arranging a meeting between Snyder and Uthoff at the latter's home and of accompanying the promoter there. George J. Kobusch, president of the St. Louis Car Company, followed, and among other things testified that Snyder told him that he had paid Uthoff $50,000 for his vote.

At the evening session Kobusch was again on the stand. Court did not adjourn until after 10 o'clock.

The defense has thus far been overruled in every attempt to delay the case.

BRITISH STILL WORRY OVER SHIPPING COMBINE

Some Doubts Expressed, Despite a Feeling of Satisfaction—Points That Are Still in Dispute.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—In the absence of any fresh information the papers this morning find little more to say concerning the shipping agreement. Reports of the feeling in shipping circles still show a general feeling of satisfaction, but "What has Morgan secured?" is the question still asked. Another point raised in several quarters is whether the government can now refuse to treat other companies in a manner similar to the treatment accorded the Cunard Line.

Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool chamber of commerce and head of the Elder Dempster Steamship Company, in speaking at the West India Club last night, said that the government had been able to do a very bold stroke, and the Cunard Company deserved it.

As far as he was concerned as an outside shipper he and many others felt that they had been left out in the cold, but that did not matter so long as the agreement with the Cunard Company was in the interests of the nation.

CZAR GRANTS REQUEST OF FINNISH SENATE

HELSINGFORD, Finland, Oct. 2.—The Czar has granted the request of the Finnish Senate to permit it to draw up a bill detailing what matters are regarded as appertaining to imperial legislation. Two Finnish judges, seven assessors and other judicial officials have been dismissed.

MANCHESTER HAS AN HEIR.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The Duchess of Manchester, formerly Miss Helena Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, today gave birth to a son at Tanderagee Castle, the duke's seat in County Armagh, Ireland. The news was received with rejoicing, the church bells ringing at St. Noet's, where Kimbolton Castle, one of the duke's properties, it situated, and elsewhere on his estates. The duchess gave birth to a daughter in 1901.

M. ZOLA LEFT ALL ESTATE TO HIS WIFE

Ex-Captain Dreyfus Pays Respects to the Memory of His Champion—Funeral Arrangements.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—M. Zola, in his will, bequeaths his entire fortune to his widow.

Madame Zola is still weak from the effects of the gas she inhaled at the time of her husband's death and the shock of her loss.

She returned this evening to her house in Rue de Bruxelles.

Former Captain Dreyfus called at the house of the late Emile Zola yesterday and paid his last tribute of respect to the body of the man who had braved odium in championing his cause.

The body lies in an open coffin in the library, surrounded by burning candles and almost buried in violets, M. Zola's favorite flower. It was in this chapelle ardente that Dreyfus stood for a few minutes, taking a last look at the face of his friend.

"Le Matin" says Dreyfus and his brother, Mathieu, will attend the funeral on Sunday, and the former will deliver an address.

At a cabinet council yesterday the funeral of Zola was discussed, in view of a proposition that it be made a national affair, and that the body be interred in the Pantheon. Both these suggestions were decided in the negative, but M. Chaumie, minister of public instruction, will represent the government at the funeral and will deliver an oration.

The funeral has been postponed until Sunday and will take place at Montmartre.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER GOES TO SCOTLAND

Canadian Premier the Guest of the Earl of Aberdeen—Treaty Caused a Delay in Paris.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, and Lady Laurier have gone to Scotland, where they will be the guests of the Earl of Aberdeen.

Sir Wilfrid's stay in Paris was prolonged by negotiations with M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, on the subject of a Franco-Canadian commercial treaty.

The premier and Lady Laurier will sail for Canada on October 17.

ARCHBISHOP GUIDI SOON TO LEAVE ROME

Instructions From the Pope to the Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines Conciliatory in Their Nature.

ROME, Oct. 2.—The departure of Archbishop Guidi, the new apostolic delegate to the Philippines for Manila, has been definitely fixed for the middle of this month.

He will carry with him from the Pope the most conciliating instructions in regard to his dealings with the American authorities.

RUSSIA TO FLOAT A LOAN NEXT YEAR

Central News Dispatch From St. Petersburg Says M. Witte Has Arranged for New Financial Measure.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—A Central News dispatch from St. Petersburg says that M. Witte, minister of finance, has arranged for the flotation of a Russian loan in the spring of 1903.

COUNCILOR KAUFFMANN, OF BERLIN, EXPIRES

Was Twice Elected Second Burgomaster by Liberals, and on Each Occasion the Kaiser Refused His Sanction.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—Councilor Gustav Kauffmann is dead. He was twice elected second burgomaster of Berlin by the Liberal municipality. On each occasion the Kaiser refused to sanction the election.

DEPICTS MORGAN AS A VAUDEVILLE ARTIST

English Paper Cartoons the Great American Financier and the Ocean Shipping Combine.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The "Westminster Gazette" today cartoons the fact that under the terms of the shipping combine the English ships continue under the British flag, and depicts J. Pierpont Morgan as a vaudeville artist dancing a sailor's hornpipe, singing:

"Oh, in spite of all temptations
To belong to other nations,
I became an Englishman."

BANK OF ENGLAND STATEMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The weekly bank statement of the Bank of England issued today, shows the following changes:

Total reserve decrease, £2,710,000; circulation, increase, £1,202,000; bullion, decrease, £1,509,934; other securities, increase, £5,535,000. Other deposits increase, £2,323,000.

Public deposits increase £1,734,000; notes in reserve, decrease, £2,695,000; government securities, increase, £1,232,000. The proportion of bank of England's reserve to liabilities is 44.63 per cent, against 53.87 last week.

T. D. SULLIVAN ON THE TICKET

Tammany Leader Takes the Nomination in Eighth New York District—Mr. Hearst the Eleventh's Choice.

DEVERY MEN ADMITTED

Big Chief Makes the Seconding Speech at the Convention in Frank J. Goodwin's Home Club, Amid Plenty of Harmony.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Timothy D. Sullivan, the newsboy who, before he was thirty-one years old, had been six times a member of the Assembly and once a senator, who has been a senator since 1894, and has long been known as "the only Tammany leader Croker is afraid of," was nominated for Congress tonight in the Eighth district. Perry Belmont had expected to get the nomination. Tim announced that he was going to take the nomination himself, and he got it, no one dissenting.

Peace in the Eleventh.

William R. Hearst was nominated in the Eleventh district, William S. Devery seconding the nomination in a speech from the platform. The convention was held in Frank J. Goodwin's Home Club. Tammany had been credited with an intention to let nobody in from the Ninth district because of the State convention's imputation of fraud at the primaries.

When Devery sent a man to Tammany Hall at noon to get the credentials of his delegates, Senator Plunket refused to give them up. But when the roll of delegates was sent to the convention hall by Secretary Smith, of Tammany Hall, it bore the names of the Devery delegates from the Ninth.

Devery had brought his men together at a place across the way, and they proceeded in a body to the hall, which was then jammed with delegates and spectators. Chairs had been kept for his men, and Devery filed in at their head and took his seat on the aisle where he could get into action quickly in case of trouble. Even when he found that his men were on the roll he was not certain that some trickery had not been planned.

Big Bill's Speech.

"I have always been a Tammany Hall Democrat," said Big Bill, in his speech, "and if you had the United States Navy here you could not drive me away from Tammany. Although I am a home ruler, I give way to this here man that you have put in nomination. Mr. Hearst is a man of the people. He is the friend of the mechanic and the workingmen. He defends their rights. It affords me the greatest satisfaction to cast the full vote of the Ninth for him."

Tomorrow night, at the Seneca Club, Mr. Hearst will be nominated to run in the old Tenth district to fill the unexpired term of the late Amos J. Cummings.

Oliver H. P. Belmont represented the old Thirteenth district and would have been renominated from the Eleventh if at all. Senator Plunkett said tonight:

"Mr. Belmont was not a candidate for re-election. He told me he did not want to run again."

Result of Conventions.

This was the result of the several Congress conventions of both parties:

Republican districts—Eighth, Montague Lessler, Ninth, adjourned; Tenth, adjourned; Eleventh, Henry Birrell; Twelfth, Charles Shongood; Thirteenth, Frederick W. Perry; Fourteenth, adjourned; Fifteenth, William H. Douglas; Sixteenth, adjourned; Seventeenth, Harvey T. Andrews; Eighteenth, F. C. Schaeffler.

Tammany districts—Eighth, T. D. Sullivan; Ninth, Henry M. Goldfogle; Tenth, William Sulzer; Eleventh, William R. Hearst; Twelfth, G. B. McClelland; Thirteenth, adjourned; Fourteenth, Ira E. Rider, Fifteenth, adjourned; Sixteenth, Col. J. Ruppert, jr.; Seventeenth, Francis E. Shobur; Eighteenth, adjourned.

GENERAL CHAFFEE SAILS AMID MANY CHEERS

Popular Demonstration at the Departure of the Commander From Manila on the Sumner.

MANILA, Oct. 2.—There was a great popular demonstration today when Major General Chaffee and Mrs. Chaffee and Vice Governor Wright and Mrs. Wright sailed for home on the transport Sumner. There were impressive ceremonies. The general, who has been extremely popular here, shook hands with all the clerks and employes at headquarters, who cheered him enthusiastically as he left.

A procession, which included Governor Taft, the members of the Philippine Commission and the generals now here, with their staffs, escorted the party to the river. On their arrival there Fort Santiago fired a salute, and the bands played "Auld Lang Syne." There was an affecting parting scene between General Chaffee and his old officers, who embraced their commander.

The main reason for General Chaffee's departure was the failing health of his wife, who is bedridden. She was carried out in a ship's boat to the transport, and lifted aboard on a chair suspended from the davits.

BITTER STRIFE ARISES IN A. W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Pastor Forced to Take a Hand at Richmond, Va., Gathering—Debate Ends in Tears and Hysterics.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 2.—So bitter became the strife among members of the State convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in session in the Christian Church here today, that the pastor, the Rev. Carey E. Morgan, was forced to interfere.

"This is the house of God, ladies," he said. "The sacrament of the Lord's supper is administered here, and it shall not be the scene of such bickerings."

The trouble arose between two factions of the body, composed, respectively, of the young and the old members. The young women accused the old members of misappropriation of money and false representations. When the pastor took a hand half were in tears and the other half hysterical.

The convention vindicated the old officers by re-electing them.

THE HON. FRANK JONES DIES AT PORTSMOUTH

Ex-Representative Passes Away After a Long Illness—Was One of New Hampshire's Largest Property Owners

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Oct. 2.—The Hon. Frank Jones, a former Representative, and one of the leading business men of New Hampshire, died at his home here late this afternoon, aged seventy. He had been failing for about a year. He was born at Barrington, N. H., on September 15, 1832, and was the son of Thomas Jones, a prosperous farmer.

Mr. Jones always took a great interest in the affairs of his native State. In 1868 he was elected mayor of Portsmouth, and was re-elected the following year. His career in national politics began with his election as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth Congress. He was elected to a second term. He was one of the largest property owners in New Hampshire.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON FALLING IN COLORADO

Mountainous Portions of the State Has a Storm Which Has Covered Ground to Depth of Two Feet.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 2.—The first snow of the season began falling here at 9 o'clock last night, at the end of a day's rain. The weather was not cold, and the snow melted as it fell.

Specials from the mountain portions of the State show that one of the heaviest snowstorms ever known at this season of the year prevailed yesterday. At St. Elmo, near the summit of the Continental Divide of the Colorado and Southern Railroad, two feet of snow has fallen and the storm is still raging.

ELECTION ORDER ANGERS PORTO RICAN FEDERALS

Victory of That Party Rendered Impossible, It Is Said—Washington to Be Appealed to for Reversal.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Oct. 2.—The executive council today issued an arbitrary election order which, it is declared, renders a Federal victory or Federal legislative representation impossible. The order provides that the registration and election judges shall consist of one Federal and two Republicans.

It was formerly announced that the judges would consist of one Federal, one Republican, and an independent American. There are six members of the council. Four of them favored the order, three of the number being Republicans, and the fourth being Mr. Lindsay, commissioner of education, who held the deciding vote.

The Federal party throughout the island is incensed at the action of the council, and a demonstration to protest against it is contemplated.

Appeals will be made to Washington to secure a reversal of the order, and a guarantee for impartial elections.

WASHINGTON MAN ACCUSES A BROKER

Old Warrant Also Found Against H. T. Woods When Arraigned in the Tombs Court in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Howard T. Woods, of Flatbush, L. I., was arraigned before Magistrate Barlow in the Tombs court today on a charge of grand larceny made by L. M. Longshaw, of Washington, D. C. He was remanded to headquarters at his own request.

In his complaint Mr. Longshaw says that Woods conducts a brokerage office under the name of Dresser, Smith & Co., at 8 Bridge Street; that on July 20 he gave Woods $518 to invest in stocks; that Woods did not invest the money and would not return it.

It was discovered after the arrest that there was an old warrant issued in 1900 against Woods at the instance of Daniel E. Berg, of Reading, Pa., who had lost $230 in a similar transaction when Woods conducted a brokerage office under the name of Harris & Co. at 32 Broadway.

L. M. Longshaw is a stock broker in this city. He had an office until recently in the Le Droit building at the corner of Eighth and F Streets, but has suspended.

COAL OPERATORS AND THE STRIKE LEADERS ARRIVE

Turkish Cannon Trained Upon Town of Monastir

Threats to Bombard---Three Villages Sacked---Rumored Massacre.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 2.—The revolutionists hold all the passes, besides Monastir, a suburb of which town they have burned.

The Bulgarian forces have withdrawn and thrown up barricades.

The Turkish troops have mounted sixty guns outside the town and threaten to bombard it.

It is reported that Albanians in Gehrida have massacred the Christian inhabitants.

Strong revolutionary bands have marched south of Monastir and sacked three villages inhabited by Turks.

The railway from Salonica has been destroyed near the village of Kremnitza.

THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF WILCOX

Sheriff Finds Warning Fastened to Wall of Jail—No Decision Made to Remove Prisoner.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 2.—When the sheriff of Pasquotank county made an early visit to the jail in Elizabeth City this morning he found this writing on a scrap of paper fastened to the wall:

"Get Wilcox out of this jail by Saturday night if you do not want trouble."

Sheriff Grandy was certain that he did not want trouble, but he did not decide today to remove his prisoner. Tuesday afternoon, when the supreme court announced its decision giving James Wilcox a new trial for the murder of Nell Cropsy, Governor Aycock wired the sheriff placing at his disposal all the military assistance that might be decided necessary for the protection of the prisoner.

The warning found on the jail wall caused no little excitement, and many believed that it indicated lawless persons would take Wilcox out of jail and visit summary punishment upon him.

SENATOR QUAY IN FAVOR OF JOHN DALZELL

Will Give Him His Support for Speaker of the House—Declares That He Is Earnest in His Stand.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 2.—Senator Quay has announced that he will urge the Republicans of the House to vote for John Dalzell for Speaker. He thinks that Mr. Dalzell will win.

When the State was redistricted recently, Dalzell's old district was so changed that Mr. Quay commanded every precinct. Some of the Pittsburg manufacturers feared that Mr. Quay intended to defeat Dalzell for Congress, and they served notice on him that if Dalzell was turned down they would not contribute financial support to the party.

Mr. Quay says he is in earnest in his support of Dalzell for Speaker.

LABOR DELEGATES JEER AT ABRAM S. HEWITT

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The relation between the Pennsylvania Railroad and this city touching the tunnel franchise got near the breaking point today. Abram S. Hewitt, while addressing the Rapid Transit Commission in favor of the franchise, was jeered at by the laboring men who were at the public hearing held at the mayor's suggestion.

When in the course of his speech Mr. Hewitt drew attention to the fact that the city was not in a position financially to carry out the work, and asked who would undertake it if not the Pennsylvania Company, one of the delegates shouted, "Build it by divine right, of course."

The commission sat for several hours listening to arguments for and against the franchise, as it is now drawn, and afterward held an executive session, but they adjourned without taking a vote.

MR. BALDWIN TELLS OF HIS ARCTIC TRIP

Explorer States That He Did All He Set Out to Accomplish—Peary's Plan the Only Feasible One.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Evelyn B. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, who had command of the Ziegler expedition, arrived today on the White Star Liner Germanic, from Liverpool. He said he had no quarrel with Captain Johannsen, the sailing master of the America. Captain Johannsen had a dispute with Arenssen, the ice pilot of the expedition, according to Mr. Baldwin, and he took the part of Arenssen, who had twenty-nine years' experience in the Arctic.

Mr. Baldwin says he did not expect to find the pole; he merely wanted to establish a basis for next year's expedition, which he is assured Mr. Ziegler would fit out. The explorer declares he did all he set out to do.

TO CONSOLIDATE ELECTRIC ROADS

Important Deal Affecting Augusta, Ga., and Aiken, S. C., Railway Lines Put Through in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 2.—One of the most important trolley and lighting deals in the country was consummated today at the headquarters of the Railways and Light Company of America in the Continental Building. Interests identified with that company, who are also the controlling owners in the North Augusta Electric and Improvement Company, of Augusta, Ga., and the Augusta-Aiken Electric Railway, consummated the purchase of a majority of the stock of the Augusta Railway and Electric Company, of Augusta, Ga.

The purchasers are as follows: J. W. Middendorf & Co., of Baltimore; John J. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, Va.; John Blair McAfee, of Philadelphia; Alfred S. Elliott, of Wilmington, Del.; James U. Jackson, of Augusta, Ga. The control of the company was bought from Messrs. Jarvis & Conklin, of New York, and Col. D. J. Dyer, of New York. Its capital stock is $1,000,000, and it has $1,000,000 bonds outstanding. The bonds are largely owned by Baltimore investors.

It is understood that the purpose of the purchase is to consolidate the Augusta Railway and Electric Company with the Augusta-Aiken Electric Railway. The latter is an interurban railway, which starts at Augusta, Ga., and runs to Aiken, S. C., a distance of twenty-four miles. It traverses eight cities and towns, and enters the heart of Augusta by a trackage arrangement with the Augusta Railway.

The Augusta-Aiken Railway is operated by the Railways and Light Company of America, which also operates the street railways at Lexington, Ky.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Macon, Ga.; the Portsmouth, Berkeley and Suffolk Water Company, and other properties.

ALABAMA MINERS JOIN THE STRIKERS' RANKS

Company Had Refused to Levy Assessment for the Relief of Men in the Anthracite Fields.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 2.—All the United Mine Workers employed by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad Company in the Pratt divisions in Alabama quit work today in compliance with the order of the district executive committee. About 1,800 men are out.

This strike is due to the anthracite miners' strike in Pennsylvania. The real cause is the refusal of the company to collect assessments levied upon the mine workers by the union to sustain the strikers in Pennsylvania.

FOURTEEN MEN DIE IN MINE EXPLOSION

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 2.—Last night between 9 and 10 o'clock an explosion of fire damp occurred on the fourth level of the south side of the Lawson mines, near Black Diamond, and fourteen men are supposed to have been killed.

The Lawson mines belong to the Pacific Coast Company. Fortunately no fire was started. Up to this time three bodies have been taken out.

There are supposed to be eleven more bodies in the mines. Everything possible is being done by officers of the company to recover the bodies. The fourth level is sixteen hundred feet below the surface.

MR. JOHN W. GATES DENIES ARREST STORY

Declares Report of His Being Taken Into Custody for Speeding Automobile to Be Pure Invention.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Mr. John W. Gates, who arrived here yesterday from Paris, denies the story that he was arrested in that city for driving an automobile at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

He declares that the story is a pure invention, and adds that his automobile has been in a repair shop for several days.

Visit Washington to Attend Conference Today With President Roosevelt, While an Expectant Country Eagerly Awaits Outcome.

Chief Executive to Obtain Legal Points and Frame Message to Congress Favoring Use of Federal Power to Curb Trusts.

Although No Agreement Is Certain, There Remains Ground for Hope That an Amicable Understanding Will Be Reached.

Yesterday afternoon there was a conference at the White House that lasted until the President's dinner hour. Attorney General Knox, Postmaster General Payne, and Civil Service Commissioner Foulke were called to consult with the President. Subjects pertaining to the important conference to be held this forenoon were discussed for the last time before the President confers with the heads of the coal roads and the strike leaders. Aside from the statement that too much gravity cannot be attached to the conference today and the confident prediction that the result will be to hasten a solution of the problem, Cabinet members decline to talk.

Trust Legislation.

President Roosevelt will devote much of his time to the study of some scheme of practical legislation to control the anthracite coal trust. He will consult Attorney General Knox in regard to the legal points and endeavor to frame a paragraph to be sent to Congress in his annual message recommending that a law be passed giving the Federal authorities more control of this and other trusts.

The conference will be held at the temporary White House, beginning at 11 o'clock this morning, and it is thought that by 4 o'clock this afternoon some definite result should be known.

All Expectancy.

The only member of the Cabinet who will be present will be Attorney General Knox, who, with Secretary Root, has been the special adviser of the President in mapping out the program to be followed. It is also possible that Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, will be present.

The President will receive his visitors in the second story front room of the Jackson Place house. He will be seated in an invalid's chair, which he has occupied since returning to Washington a week ago. He will be clad in a dressing gown. The President is just now in fine form mentally and physically, barring the accident to his shinbone, which, although it confines him to his chair, causes him no pain and little discomfort. He was been working hard all this week, giving nearly all of his time to the coal strike question.

While it is by no means certain that a positive or final agreement will be reached, yet there is ground for the hope that an understanding will be arrived at between the managers of the coal roads and John Mitchell, president of the miners' union, whereby a settlement can be arranged in a reasonably short time after President Roosevelt's visitors have returned home.

There were no public developments at this end of the line in the situation yesterday. It is, of course, considered as not improbable that telegrams passed between the White House and the men in whose hands rests the settlement of the strike which may have an important bearing upon today's conference, if, indeed, they have not paved the way for an agreement.

Truth to Be Known.

But for reasons that are obvious nothing was given out yesterday by authority of the President that threw any light upon the subject. It is desired to let the whole story be known at once rather than to give it out piecemeal, and it is confidently believed that this will be done today after the President has discussed the subject in all of its phases with his visitors.

The most hopeful sign in the whole situation is the report from New York that J. Pierpont Morgan indorses heartily President Roosevelt's effort to get representatives of the coal roads and miners together for a talk. The conviction is widespread that Mr. Morgan is the real master of the situation, and that whenever he gives the word the men who nominally manage the coal roads will make reasonable concessions to the demands of the strikers.

A Weighty Problem.

Though immediate good results are hoped for after the conference, there is no disposition to underrate the immensity of the problem which the President has undertaken to solve in the interests of the public welfare. The difference between the present situation and any similar political fight where

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