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The Labor Conference and the Strike.

The result of the conference of the labor leaders of the country, held in this city Tuesday for the purpose of taking united action relative to the great coal strike, is that a renewed and active campaign to make the strike general will be conducted in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, unless operators come to terms at once. The appeal issued to the country for sympathy and financial assistance will doubtless be liberally responded to, especially by the labor organizations throughout the union, and there will be no want of men for the purpose outlined in the document.

This means that, unless the operators get together on some plan of settlement, the struggle which is now going on will be conducted on a scale the breadth of which was never before equalled in a contest for living wages in this country.

What the outcome will be no man can say now; that it is the desire of the labor leaders who have pledged their support to the miners to conduct the campaign peacefully, and with an avoidance of anything that will incite violence or lawlessness the Intelligencer has not the slightest doubt, as the management seems to be composed of cool heads.

The only reason to fear trouble lies in the possibility that there may be among the small army of men who are to be placed in the field in this state some who will not be as cool-headed as the leaders are. No one can deny them the right to come into West Virginia and peacefully argue the cause of the strikers, and so long as peaceful and legitimate means are used there is no authority in this state that will interfere with them. It is hoped that the appreciation of this privilege, which is guaranteed to all citizens of our common country, will be demonstrated in a practical way.

We very much doubt, however, whether the efforts that will be made will be any more successful than those of the past. The West Virginia miners have so far doubted the wisdom of a sympathy strike, since it has not been made clear to them that, while helping their brethren in other states, with whom they deeply sympathize, they will not deprive themselves of employment at the living wages they are receiving, not only now, but in the future.

This may seem a cold-blooded way to look at the matter, but it must be remembered that the West Virginia coal miners have been discriminated against in the past by the differences in freight rates, and that they have a right to inquire into what their fate would be should the strike be settled on the basis that is proposed in other regions. Could they be assured that the past discriminations and differentials which have worked against them will, by any settlement to be made, be done away with they would doubtless lend a ready ear to the pleas of their suffering brethren who are now crying for justice.

Aside from the questions involved in the West Virginia situation, there are signs multiplying that the end of the strike is not far off. The crisis has now reached and in the very nature of things it cannot last long. Though the powers of endurance on both sides are very great, there are other forces at work. Public sympathy and the demands of business must sooner or later bring about a settlement.

Our Optimistic Secretary.

Secretary Gage is winning laurels for himself by the thoughtful speeches he is making on the economic subjects of the day. His address at Boston Tuesday afternoon was one of these utterances. It was a calm, thoughtful presentation of the currency and tariff questions from the standpoint of a member of the present administration, optimistic in its tone and encouraging to every man who reads it. There is much to think about in his references to the expected effects of the new tariff bill and the proposed currency reform. Secretary Gage regards it that we have reached a point on the road to prosperity, where, with absolute data furnished, commerce and manufacture can make correct estimates and go upon their missions of exchange and production with a new sense of security.

"Upon the financial side," he says, "there is really no pressing need for haste. There is certainly no immediate occasion for anxiety. With ample reserves in the public treasury; with financial centers in a full supply of loanable funds; with interest invitingly low; with crop prospects most promising; and a

good market favorable assured; with new mineral resources coming into view; with a territorial area sufficient to carry its present population many times multiplied; with a people advancing in the element of intelligence and character, who dare indulge in doleful forecasts? We need not ignore the fact there are many wounds to be cured, excited passions to be calmed, and many misunderstandings to be composed. Nor is it passing strange that this should be so."

All of this is true, no matter what the pessimists and the agitators may say. This country is too great; its resources too rich; its people too industrious and enterprising; its statesmanship too wise to admit of it going wrong. Blessed as there is no other country on earth is blessed, there is needed but the impulse of wholesome policies and the confidence of the people in the future to bring a permanent condition of things that will make it the greatest and most prosperous country on the face of the globe.

Japan's Protest.

The New York Mail and Express, in criticizing the protest of Japan against Hawaiian annexation shows very clearly that the contention that annexation would extinguish treaties now existing between Hawaii and Japan is not well based. The fact that the rights and privileges now enjoyed by Japan under treaties, so far as its subjects residing in Hawaii are concerned, cannot be impaired by annexation, but must continue to receive the protection of the United States government. But the idea that the treaty itself is perpetual and indissoluble is not founded on law or reason. The Mail and Express says:

Secretary Sherman has already shown the fallacy of the protest by citing from international law to prove that even where treaties are by their express terms perpetual, they expire when either of the negotiating governments surrenders its sovereignty. He has also pointed out that the vested rights and interests of Japanese subjects now resident in Hawaii cannot be destroyed or impaired by the annexation of the islands to the United States. The claims of Japan against the Hawaiian government for alleged violations of treaty rights will be in nowise affected by the act of annexation, for they are to be adjudicated with full regard for the legal obligations which existed when the acts complained of were committed. In other words, Japanese demands for indemnity for offenses perpetrated by Hawaii must be settled according to the treaty now in existence between the two governments. They will not be extinguished by annexation, and Hawaii could not repudiate them, nor would the United States permit her to repudiate them on any such grounds, even if she were so disposed, of which possibility she has given no indication whatever.

Secretary Sherman clearly has the best of the argument, because it is founded on reason and common sense. The United States has no intention of riding over any nation's rights. That never has been the policy of this government and it never will be.

Business Men Should Turn Out.

The meeting of the jobbers and manufacturers of the city, which is called at the chamber of commerce this evening to devise ways and means for a merchants' day in Wheeling, should be attended by every business man. The plan, which is fully explained elsewhere, is to extend invitations to all the merchants with whom the Wheeling houses do business to visit the city and renew old acquaintances and friendships, and to form new ones, and to give the visitors a general good time at no cost to them, either for railroad fare or for anything else while they are here.

The movement is a good one, and will materially benefit the city of Wheeling. Every merchant and manufacturer should attend the meeting and help to make the plan a success. In other cities where a similar programme to that suggested has been carried out the benefits have been very great, and there is no reason why Wheeling should not find such a movement a paying investment. Let there be a big turnout to the meeting to-night.

There is no more delightful spot about Wheeling than the Wheeling Park, and when the Park Association entertains guests it knows how to add to the pleasures of the resort by dispensing liberal hospitality. The newspaper men of Wheeling never realized this before more they did yesterday, when, on their annual outing, they were the guests of the association and were made for the time being to forget cares and responsibilities and to feel that on at least one day in the year there was nothing to think of but pleasure. May the Wheeling Park continue to be a thing of beauty and a joy forever to the Wheeling public.

As we predicted, the administration organs are claiming the effect of the bountiful crops in the west as the foundation of the Advance Agent's anti-election promises.—Register.

O, no, not quite that. Nobody is taking the credit for the bountiful crops from the Almighty, but many are calling attention to the fact that the crops are not only assisting the return of prosperity, but they are knocking into smithereens the claims of the calamity howlers, who, before the crops came, charged that nothing on earth could save the country from ruin but the free, independent and unlimited coinage of fifty cent dollars.

The Ritchie Gazette is right in calling on the Democratic press in this state to "name names and specify specifications." If there are any scandals anywhere in the state connected with the adoption of school books, why not specify them? Vague and general charges amount to nothing. Why not expose corruption where corruption exists, if it does exist? Let the proof be forthcoming, or let the gentlemen making the charges hold their peace.

A clash between state and federal judicial authority is not often witnessed and yet such a thing seems to be imminent in West Virginia. Judge Dent, of the West Virginia court of appeals, having, in effect, nullified the proceedings of the United States court in the Harper's Ferry case, an interesting issue arises, the settlement of which will be watched with eagerness by the legal talent of the country.

Bryan is going to Mexico to "study the silver standard." It will be a relief to the country to know that Bryan is willing to learn something. A year ago he was assuming that he knew it all.

It looks as though the uniformity agreement will be adopted in its entirety by the operators of the Pittsburgh district. It will go a long ways

in the direction of settling the strike, and we may wake up some morning in the very near future to find that the great struggle for fair wages and fair treatment is over.

One of the articles in the uniformity agreement favorably passed upon by the Pittsburgh district coal operators abolishes the company store; another provides that 2,000 pounds shall constitute a ton, and another provides for a fair screen. \$8 far well and good.

Mr. Debs is out this morning with a statement in which he takes a hopeful outlook of the strike situation. It is hoped that he is nearer right than he was in his statements of last week.

POINTEDLY PENNED.

If the ghost of Seward doesn't give a cabinet dance and knock four times over his purchase of Alaska, then we will abandon our seance.—Memphis Journal.

Bryan is going to Mexico to study the silver standard. Well, Bryan might learn a lot of things by going anywhere.—Cleveland Leader.

It will be observed that the first thing John Bull did after resting from the jubilee exercises was to eat a big chunk of the South Sea Islands—Chicago News.

In the meantime the country will endeavor to struggle along without the airy persiflage of Senator Morgan.—Philadelphia Press.

Senor Canovas expresses himself as being much gratified that Congress has adjourned without taking further action toward recognizing Cuban belligerency. The Senor should make a profound obeisance to the Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed.—Baltimore News.

Apart from the tariff, a measure that is of interest to farmers and others alike is the bushel that represents the farmer's many-millions crops.—Philadelphia Times.

We will probably not have any adequate idea of the size of the strikes on the Klondyke until the saloon men begin to send down their dust for coinage. Pittsburgh Times.

The eagerness of the senate to avoid debate on the President's currency message may have been due to a tardy ambition to acquire a reputation for celerity.—Washington Star.

Every bushel of wheat in the United States brings seventeen cents more than it did a year ago. That seventeen to one beats the old sixteen to one all hollow.—Brooklyn Eagle.

It appears that, in order to keep up the appearance of war, Weyler has decided to kill off the pacifists.—Washington Post.

SUMMER SMILES.

"Every man has a streak of the feminine in his make-up."

"Yes; I know a big, two-fisted fellow, with a voice like a foghorn—"

"And he is tender to little children?"

"I dunno whether he is or not. But I was going to tell you. His taste in neckties is something horrible."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Dah is two ways o' wastin' money," said Uncle Eben. "One is to spend it so fast it doesn't hab time ter do no good; an' de yuthuh is ter hol' onto it so tight it nebbber gits a chance."—Washington Star.

Edna—Mr. Wilkus says I'm becoming a desperate flirt.

Gertrude—Are you really growing desperate, dear?—Philadelphia North American.

"You needn't leave us for any more," said the newly married housewife.

"Anything wrong, madam?"

"Indeed there is. The ice is not nearly so cold as that mother gets."—Detroit Free Press.

"Do you think you can accustom yourself to Klondyke cooking?"

"Why not? My wife took the first prize at Vassar for her paper-weight biscuits."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Growch—We women are going to organize a society for the discouragement of profane swearing.

Old Growch—Well, the first thing you want to do is to get somebody who knows how to teach you to make good bread.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

When you see a girl wearing a stiff collar and cuffs, it is a sign that no man cares enough about her to make her quit.—New York Press.

Mrs. Howard—Did the butcher send the lobsters?

Bridget—He did, mum, but I sent them back. They wuzn't ripe.—Brooklyn Life.

"I don't know what's going to become of that boy of mine. He was never known to get anything right."

"Make a weather prophet of him."—Detroit Free Press.

The reason that the good die young is that they wouldn't be good if they grew up.—Cleveland Leader.

Repertee.

"You should get your ears lopped, Bryan," said a smart tourist to an Irish peasant whom he was quizzing; "they are too large for a man."

"An' beaded," replied the Hibernian, "I was just thinkin' yours would want to be made larger; sure, they're too short for an ass."—Jinks.

Re-lition.

Layman—"Realism, eh? Now, you don't mean to tell me the sun really sets like that?"

Artist—Ha, ha! My dear fellow, you don't grasp the significance of the new art at all. That air is the way the sun ought to set."—Tit-Bits.

REASON.

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IT IS A FACT THAT--

Coffee grows wild in Arabia and in the Sudan.

The best champagne corks cost about six cents apiece.

The people of Borneo make beer from the pepper plant.

An agency has been started in London to send young Englishmen out to Mexico as rubber planters.

The female employees of many German factories are forbidden to wear corsets during working hours.

A London man is building a two-story house, which is to run upon wheels, and is capable of being propelled by a motor underneath it.

It takes thirty-seven specially constructed and equipped steamers to keep the submarine telegraph cables of the world in repair.

The Sudan, with its 60,000,000 people, is still without a single Protestant missionary who can speak the language, though three societies are now endeavoring to begin work there.

A ton of Atlantic water, when evaporated, yields eighty-one pounds of salt; a ton of Pacific water, seventy-nine pounds; the water in the Dead Sea, more than twice as much—one hundred and eighty-seven pounds to the ton.

Throughout Germany and Holland, whenever girls can be employed to advantage, they are taken in preference to young men. At Munich the clerks and book-keepers in the banks are nearly all young and handsome girls.

Sapient Sayings.

Some people save money by not paying their bills.

All people who play the fiddle look something alike.

Cupid steals a base every time lovers look at the moon.

To be popular with some people, all that is necessary is to say "Thank you" in a very loud voice.

We have noticed that advertising solicitors always have a better opinion of people than the bill collectors.

Probably nothing is the cause of more coldness in early married life than a man's dislike to being compelled to tell his wife he loves her when he has something else on his mind.—Atchison Globe.

The Haze of Skies.

One more unfortunate

Burning to death.

Frenzied—impetuous.

Panting for breath!

Talk to him carefully!

Question him not.

Swearing so fearfully!

"Whew! Ain't it hot!"

Look at his collar there (Cost half a dollar there);

Burn the sweat constantly

Makes it drop downward!

Take him off instantly.

Seaward—not toward!

Mad with thermometers.

Down with barometers.

Anxious to go

Anywhere—anywhere

Where there is snow!

Talk to him carefully!

Worry him not.

Say to him cheerfully:

"Isn't it hot?"

And owning his weakness

(It may be he likes you.

Just take with all meekness

The blow that he strikes you!

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Trains leave Baltimore & Ohio depot, Wheeling, 12:25, 5:10, 10:55 a. m., 5:00 and 5:10 p. m. Pullman cars on all trains. Round trip, \$10. Correspondingly low rates from other stations.

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