

MINERS' FUTURE HOPE

Conferees at White House May Turn to Them to End Strike.

NOTHING EXPECTED FROM OPERATORS

Peace Covenant Must Be with the Men Who Are Out.

INVESTIGATION OFFERED IN RETURN

Federal and State Governments to Institute Inquiry.

THIS IS THE CONJECTURED RESOLVE

President's Counsellors So Extremely Secretive that Press Can Only Give Earnest Conjecture.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—In an earnest effort to expedite the adjustment of the coal strike problem, another conference over the situation was held at the White House today and adjourned after three hours of deliberation. No statement was given as to the conclusions reached and every participant absolutely refused to discuss what had taken place during the meeting.

The conference was called for today, although it was Sunday, in view of the extraordinary importance to the American people of a speedy solution of the question. Besides the president there were present at the conference Secretary of War Root, Secretary of the Navy Moody, Attorney General Knox, Postmaster General Payne and Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor. The last named was summoned to attend the conference on account of his expert knowledge of the situation in the anthracite coal fields, and because of his personal investigation of the conditions there which he made some months ago at the instance of the president. Four of the members of the cabinet were present, and three of these four were lawyers, the issue involved being one which called for the deliberation of trained legal minds. The fourth cabinet officer, Postmaster General Payne, has taken a prominent part in the preliminary conferences over the coal situation which have been held in conference with the railroad presidents and miners' representatives Friday, and besides, has had a lifelong identification with corporate interests which are involved in the present question. The fact that Mr. Payne also has been one of the closest counsellors of the president in the national councils of his party likewise is important in connection with the personnel of the conference.

Doctors First Call

It began shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, the time fixed by the president. When those who were to participate arrived at the White House, in a drizzling rain, they found Surgeon General Risley of the navy and Dr. Lang, the president's physician, already there, making the morning call on the distinguished patient. This caused a delay of a few minutes. When the two physicians left it was reported that the president's condition was progressing satisfactorily and that there were no untoward developments.

The president, in expressing his views at the outset of the conference, talked earnestly and showed a deep feeling. His voice at times could be heard downstairs. Several times during the conference Secretary Cortelyou was summoned into the room and directed to prepare certain matters for the consideration of the president and of his advisers. This was taken to indicate that some action of one nature or another was about to be consummated.

When the conference adjourned a few minutes before 1 o'clock, the president who had joined it declined to talk. Every member of the cabinet and Colonel Wright, the only outsider who was present, was pledged to the president to absolute secrecy as to what had occurred within the conference room. The utmost efforts were made to guard against the fact that the confidential summaries to the conference had been made in a very quiet and carefully guarded way. Not since the Spanish war has there been such reticence shown at a conference of this character as was observed today.

Possible Plan

In this state of absolute reticence of the parties to the conference it is almost impossible to do more than draw the most general of conclusions as to the nature of the proceedings, based upon what preceded the meeting. The known facts are that the president has reached the conclusion that he has nothing to say in respect to a further appeal to the coal operators and therefore has decided to look to the miners' side for relief from the situation. He feels that he hardly can expect them to make the sacrifice of all their contentions without holding out at least a promise of some return, and the question before him is as to his ability to do this. He can pledge himself to appeal to congress to examine into the justice of the miners' complaints and remedy them so far as lies in the power of the legislative branch, backed by the earnest good will of the executive. Also he can suggest to Governor Stone of Pennsylvania that he cause the Pennsylvania legislature likewise to make an inquiry, perhaps hastening the usual methods by calling an extra session. But these pledges would be given only on condition that the miners get out of the mines and get out, with all speed, the coal for which the people are suffering.

Arranging the Details

So it is believed that today's conference was called by the president with the purpose of putting in exact shape the details of a plan conceived by the president even before the departure of President Mitchell last Friday from the mixed conference. The three hours spent in consultation today were none too long to put into form the twin propositions: one to the miners' organization and the other to Governor Stone, and the fact that Secretary Cortelyou was called on to prepare one or more statements in the direction of the president is taken as an indication that messages were sent out at the end of the conference today, and that the reticence of all of the parties is explainable perhaps by their desire to avoid the discourtesy of publishing the nature of these before they are received by the persons to whom they are addressed, as well as by a

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FIGHTING AT SANTA MARTA

Colombian Government Forces and the Revolutionists Reported to Be Still Exchanging Fire.

KINGSTON, Oct. 5.—The British steamer Para, belonging to the royal mail service, arrived here today from Bogota, bringing reports of a serious situation at Santa Marta, Colombia, whence the British Retribution has proceeded for the purpose of affording protection to the steamer and other British interests. According to the reports brought by Para, fighting is still going on at Santa Marta between the Colombian revolutionists and the government forces. The Magdalena river is completely cut off from communication. The revolutionists hold Tenerife, near Santa Marta, and have four quick-firing guns at this point. Last week the force at Tenerife captured Senator Lopez, Colombian minister of state, who was coming from Bogota.

Para also reports that owing to the rebel success in the vicinity of Santa Marta, the government has sent back to the isthmus to the vicinity of Santa Marta a large body of troops, including the government gunboat Cartagena. The fighting is proceeding in the vicinity of Santa Marta with considerable success by the government forces.

The gunboat Libertador, formerly the British steamer Her High and lately known as Bolivar, which arrived at Barranquilla recently in the service of the Colombian government, is in need of repairs. Its boilers are in bad condition and it can only steam four knots.

AFFECTS MANY MARRIAGES

Marie Reid's Matrimonial and Maternal Troubles Involve Laws of the Catholic Faith.

ROME, Oct. 5.—The statement is made that the presence in Rome at the end of this month of Mgr. Chapelle, vicar general of the diocese of Rome, in connection with the performance of a religious ceremony with Princess Rospiogiosi. The Reid-Parkhurst marriage was celebrated by Mgr. Chapelle when he was pastor of St. Matthew's church, Washington.

Princess Rospiogiosi pretends to create a scandal if her religious marriage with the princess is not allowed. He maintains that Mgr. Chapelle did not obtain the necessary dispensation for Mr. Parkhurst, and that Miss Reid married Mr. Parkhurst not knowing that he was not of the Catholic faith. Princess Rospiogiosi has published the announcement of her marriage with Parkhurst. The matter involves a change in canon law, which will affect thousands of marriages in the United States. The princess was Miss Marie Reid of Washington, D. C., and was married first to Frederick Parkhurst of Bangor, Me.

BUY THE VICTORIA TERMINAL

St. Paul and Vancouver Parties Will Give the Great Northern Entrance to Victoria.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 5.—A. Gubrie of St. Paul, a contractor for the Great Northern railway; John Henry and J. J. Jeffrey of Vancouver, have bought the Victoria Terminal railway and its franchises, which, it is understood, will give the Great Northern an entrance to Victoria and Vancouver. The sale embraces a controlling interest in the Victoria terminal and farreaching with the mainland and the Delta extension, which runs seventeen miles from the mouth of the Fraser river to Cloverdale. The purchasers take over the property as a going concern. The sale does not include the interests of the Sydney & Nanaimo Navigation company, operating the steamer Strathcona, Ingonis and Ulnah, which are owned by E. V. Bodwell.

The new owners have not as yet formulated any plan of action for the near future, and it will be a matter for consideration whether they will proceed with Westminister or await the arrival of spring to begin the work.

GRAND DUKE GOES RIGHT IN

Rides an Ironclad Past Forts Guarding Constantinople and He Tells Sultan Russia's Wishes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 5.—Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia had a conference with the sultan on Friday and discussed the Macedonian situation. The grand duke assured the sultan of Russia's desire to make a fair settlement of the Macedonian question and to give the sultan a fair share of the spoils of the grand duke, who has been the recipient of many courtesies since his arrival here last week, sailed this afternoon for Livadia, on the Black sea.

Grand Duke Nicholas arrived at Constantinople on a Russian ironclad, which, owing to the insistence of Russia, was permitted at the last moment to pass the naval forts. The warship anchored in full view of the Yildiz Kiosk and the Musselman population of Constantinople was deeply impressed by what was regarded as another instance of Russia overriding the clause of the Berlin treaty which closed the Bosphorus to foreign warships.

VENICE STEEPLE TOTTERING

Government and Municipality Differ as to What Should Be Done, and Populace Threatens.

VENICE, Oct. 5.—The steeple of the Church of San Stefano shows further signs of collapsing.

It was first announced from Venice August 6, that the upper part of the tower of the Church of San Stefano showed signs of falling and preparations were then being made to demolish the tower. The houses surrounding the church were ordered by the authorities to be evacuated. The decision of the government to demolish the tower was opposed by the municipality of Venice and a majority of the citizens. The municipality contended that it was possible to repair the tower while the citizens threatened to prevent its demolition by force. The demolition is now being started on the Campo Moreauit. It is a Gothic building of the fourteenth century.

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MADRID, Oct. 5.—As an outcome of newspaper attacks General Barges, captain general of Catalonia, fought a duel today with pistols with the director of the newspaper El Imperial of Madrid. Neither was injured.

The minister of marine, the duke of Veragua, is considering plans for the restriction of immigration.

LET MORGAN SETTLE STRIKE

John Brisbane Walker Makes Suggestion to President Roosevelt.

CAPITALIST READY FOR UNDERTAKING

Editor Tells of His Conferences with Mr. Morgan and with President Mitchell of the Mine Workers' Organization.

John Brisbane Walker, editor of the Correspondent, who has been active in his efforts to bring together the conflicting interests in the anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania, passed through Omaha yesterday over the Burlington enroute to Colorado Springs, where he will attend the National Irrigation congress. In the afternoon he sent a long telegram to President Roosevelt, reviewing his efforts and suggesting a plan for settling the strike.

"I have spent most of my time for the last ten days between New York and Wilkesbarre," said Mr. Walker, "and have given the coal strike nearly my whole time and attention. The proposition looking to a settlement of the strike has been put to the president in the result of a great deal of study, after personal investigation of the strike and its effect in the east. The president is aware that this message is coming and I believe he will give it serious consideration."

Message to the President.

Mr. Walker will make an extended tour of the west and south before returning to New York. His message to the president is as follows:

To the President, White House, Washington: The affairs are now in such shape that there seems to be no immediate way out of the coal strike. The strike is now in the hands of Mr. Mitchell and his associates in the hands of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, who is the real power in the determination of this affair. Mr. Mitchell may find in this way to serve the public interests, yet protect fully those committed to his care.

Reasons for favoring this suggestion at this time, when all other possible solutions seem to be exhausted, are based upon my knowledge of the conditions. Early in September I went to Mr. Morgan's office and outlined a basis of arrangement. This seemed to be approved by one of Mr. Morgan's partners. I went at once to Wilkesbarre.

My conference with Mr. Mitchell and several of his associates covered two hours in the afternoon, and I left for New York at midnight. Taking a 2 o'clock night train back to New York, I had a three hours' conference with Mr. Morgan, and later with his partner, Mr. Steele.

Says Morgan is Liberal.

I found Mr. Morgan, as I had expected, far-sighted and liberal. He had a grasp of the detail of the situation, and a sympathetic manner regarding all the interests involved.

He went away with the understanding that I should be called up at Livingston on the following morning. Mr. Steele telephoned Mr. Morgan on the morning of the 2 o'clock train, and I was called up at Livingston on the morning of the 2 o'clock train.

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CANNOT REVIEW GRAND ARMY

Doctors Forbid President Roosevelt to Use His Injured Limb, as Contemplated.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—President Roosevelt will not review the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, at which it was expected he would make the reviewing stand in front of the White House. The official statement, issued last night, that he would have to exercise extreme care indicated that it would be impossible for him to review the veterans and the correspondents.

The thirty-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will begin here tomorrow with the meeting of the various auxiliary organizations affiliated with the main body, will continue until next Saturday. Preparations for the gathering are complete and Washington is ready to entertain the almost countless throng which will make the city headquarters during the week. The local committees charge the duty of the day and night, and the housing of the thousands of those who will be unable to find hotel accommodations. For indigent veterans large tents have been erected on the White House lot and several floors of the White House printing office have been utilized for the purpose of providing shelter for the thousands of those who will be unable to find hotel accommodations.

Early last night it began to rain and this forenoon it poured in torrents, and the rain was not likely to abate. Probably fair weather is predicted by the weather bureau for tomorrow.

The business houses and private residences along Pennsylvania avenue and the other main thoroughfares of the city have been appropriately decorated for the encampment. The display of flags and bunting is very generous. Tomorrow there will be an automobile parade, a regatta on the Potomac river, the dedication of Camp Roosevelt on the White House lot, at which Secretary of State John Hay will make the chief address, and a grand campfire at the Soldiers' Home.

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