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## END IS NOT FAR OFF

### All Signs Point to an Early Termination of the Coal Miner's Strike.

## PRESIDENT MITCHELL IS EVASIVE

### Labor Leader Says Ten Per Cent Wage Increase Would Be a Great Victory—Probable Plan of Settlement Outlined in Dispatch from Hazleton.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 29.—Notwithstanding the rumors of settlement and of concession upon the part of the operators there was no change in the great coal strike situation here today.

It was probably the most inactive day that President Mitchell and his official staff have spent since the strike began. That President Mitchell was waiting for information from New York cannot be denied, as he intimates several times during the day that something will be done before night. In the forenoon he had two lengthy conversations over the long-distance telephone and between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon he was at the wire for more than half an hour. To whom he talked he declined to say. When he was pressed to say something of the general strike situation he said:

"This has been the greatest industrial contest between labor and capital in the history of America. If the 10 per cent increase in wages proposed by the miners is correct, while far from satisfactory, it is the greatest victory ever achieved by organized labor and will be a landmark in the development of the industry. I, of course, have nothing to say as to what action will be taken as to the acceptance or rejection of any proposition, this must be determined by the whole body of the miners themselves. Our organization will not make the mistake which has wrecked many other organizations of assuming the power to determine through its officers the happiness or misery of the coal miner, the 500,000 men, women and children dependent upon the anthracite coal industry for a livelihood.

In discussing the reported 10 per cent advance offered to the men by the operators, Mr. Mitchell said:

"Under the existing conditions such an increase would practically amount to nothing; that the men would gain in one day what they might lose the next."

By the sliding scale of wages which the wages are fixed according to the market price of coal. If there is an advance in the price the miners share in it, and should the market price decrease the miners correspondingly share such a decrease.

If an increase of 10 per cent in wages is offered the miners it will probably be done by means of pro rata notices and the personal visitation of representatives of the mine owners and not to the United Mine Workers, because the operators will not recognize the organization. If the men so informed desire to consider the proposition they would have a meeting of their union called for the purpose of having the officers of those bodies notify the three district presidents. These presidents would inform the national president. As Mr. Mitchell is not empowered to accept or reject the offer, all the miners demanded he said he could do nothing but instruct the men to refuse the offer.

If the strike should will feel that they ought to entertain this proposition they can ask the national president through a local union meeting and a district meeting to call a joint convention for three districts. This request, however, would not be compulsory, the national president being allowed to use his judgment.

## GOOD ARMY MOVE BY MILES.

### Order Issued Intended to Increase Devotion to the Flag.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Lieutenant General Miles has issued a general order to the army intended to secure a general improvement in the morale and physical condition of the force. The order particularly directs the inculcation of patriotic principles by patriotic readings, strict attention to salutes, respect for the flag and attention to good marching and drill. The order also directs that the importance of military discipline is dwelt upon and loyal and cheerful obedience demanded. It is directed that the three arms of the service, whenever they are assembled for instruction in battle tactics, and it is ordered that there be frequent marches and sports calculated to develop the military spirit.

## WORTHY SOLDIERS TO FIGHT.

### LONDON, Sept. 29.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office under date of Pretoria, September 27, as follows:

"The Boers attacked a portion of my force at Pienars river station this morning, but were beaten off after three hours fighting.

"The Boers occupied the river and the eastern side of Burgers' pass on September 26, after slight resistance. Hellobron, Beit and Lindley were recaptured."

## New Ministry in Japan.

### LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Yamagata ministry has resigned, cables the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Mr. Matsuyama is expected to succeed to the premier ship. Such a change would not affect Japan's policy in China. Marquis Ito favors hearty cooperation with Great Britain and strongly opposes the partition of China or Russian ascendancy there."

## Valley City, N. D., Sept. 29.

### John J. Deetz has just returned from the Cascade range in western Washington, bringing samples and news of the location of vast fields of pure anthracite coal in company with Prof. Burnett, a mineral expert of Seattle. Judge Bennett penetrated into the Cascade range sixty miles from the railroad and after two days of prospecting located veins showing fifteen feet of coal and located about 640 acres of land. He estimates the quantity of coal in sight at 25,000,000 tons.

## Population of St. Joseph.

### ST. JOSEPH, Sept. 29.—Victor H. Olmstead, special agent of the census department at Washington, is in the city and today began an investigation of the population of the city by the census in this city. Figures of the population of the city to have considerably more than doubled in the last decade. Ten years ago the city had 51,000 souls. It is now estimated to have 120,000. The census returns show more than the latter figures, but how much more the special agent declines to state.

## LAST MOVE OF RUSSIA.

### Rumor that Czar Now Propose to Blockade Chinese Naval Ports.

## THE PEACE MOVEMENT

### Instructions to Oonger in His Dealings with China Soon to Be Sent.

## AN OBJECTION TO PRINCE TUAN

### Important Government at Peking Notified That Appointment of Blood Hawk is Undesirable and May Result in Stopping All Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Minister Oonger has been advised by the State department of the substance of the replies made by this government last Friday to the governments of Germany, Russia and China, respecting China which clearly indicates to the general nature of the instructions he is to receive. Moreover, by this time he is informed of the orders issued to General Chaffee to reduce upon force to a legation guard. The note to China specifically pointed out the lines on which this government will issue its instructions to its minister. The document itself is in the final approval, Acting Secretary Hill having completed the draft some days ago and forwarded it to the president. The document is in the hands of the actual transmission of the instructions would be carried out very soon, probably within the next twelve hours. It is said that the text of the instructions will not be given publicly at present for diplomatic reasons, but there is no concealment of the general scope of the document, which is on the lines laid down in the three notes.

In this connection it is said at the State department that Mr. Oonger will keep these negotiations in motion without any purpose of acting for any government other than the United States, although the government steadily keeps in mind that the United States is but one of the several nations mutually interested in obtaining a common end and it is hoped that the effect of Mr. Oonger's action in beginning toward negotiations may be to induce other powers to follow. This government has never assumed to lay down a mandate as to the procedure to be followed by all or any of the other powers.

It is believed that the State department already has taken steps through Minister Wang to impress upon the Chinese government the undesirability of the appointment of Prince Tuan as grand secretary and the palpable impression this appointment has created throughout this country. The effect of his appointment, if persisted in, it is said, might be to retard seriously the final negotiations, or in fact any negotiations at all.

The government feels that it is much reinforced in its present position by the note from Li Hung Chang, which he gave positive assurance to the United States that he had sufficient authority to protect all American interests and would see that this authority was exercised. The government now looks upon this assurance as a guarantee which must be faithfully performed as a condition precedent to even the establishment of relations with Li and Prince Ching. If the appointment of Tuan promises to obstruct the performance of this pledge in any manner, then it would be clearly imperative for the United States to insist upon the immediate withdrawal of Mr. Oonger from further relations with the Chinese envoys. To do this, however, depends upon what Tuan does than upon what he has done.

## CAPT. FREDERICK BENT SHARP.

### Well Known Ex-Officer of the Army Takes an Overdose of Bromide.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 28.—Captain Frederick Bent Sharp, U. S. A., retired, committed suicide today by an overdose of bromide, taken for the purpose of relieving nervousness and pain. Captain Sharp was totally blind and a doctor supposed that he had been unable to properly gauge the quantity of the drug.

Captain Sharp was appointed to the regular army by President Grant during his first administration. His mother and Mrs. Grant were sisters. He saw hard service on the frontier and in Assiniboin for several years at Fort Assiniboin.

In 1894 he was promoted to the rank of captain of company H, Twentieth Infantry, the regiment with which he served from the time he entered the army. During the later years of his military service he was stationed with the regiment at Fort Leavenworth, where his family lived.

## Work at Galveston.

### GALVESTON, Sept. 29.—The results of today's work were 6,000 tons of coal. The grain receipts are moderate. Several hundred men are working along the wharves and 1,400 are clearing away the debris. There is need for an man more. Corpses are being buried daily and burned. The number discovered is twenty-five a day.

## Foreign Forces in China.

### VIENNA, Sept. 29.—The admiralty has received a dispatch from Tientsin giving the strength of the forces landed there by the allied powers as follows:

Austrian 494, German 8,178, British 8,352, American 5,608, French 6,576, Italian 2,541, Russian 26,934, Japanese 12,570; total, 63,233.

## Spokane Continues to Increase.

### WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The population of the city of Spokane, Wash., as officially announced today, is: For 1890, 36,548; for 1892, 42,922. These figures are for the city as a whole and include an increase in population of 16,926, or 44.95 per cent from 1890 to 1900.

## Half the Cokes Ovens Closed.

### CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 29.—Fifty per cent of the 500 coke ovens in McDowell and Meyer county have been put out of blast in the last week, throwing out of employment 1,500 men. This is also to be due to the dull market for the product.

## Large Cattle Shipments.

### RAPID CITY, S. D., Sept. 29.—The record of cattle shipments from the Black Hills has been broken by Cortin County of this city, who is now considered the cattle king of the region. On Sunday he shipped from Brennan thirty carloads, or six trains, on Monday sixteen, and on Tuesday thirty. He shipped a total of 111 in all sixty-six carloads, or six trains. Morse owns the largest herd in this part of the Hills. His yearly income from his cattle is about \$100,000. A few years ago he was a cowboy on the ranges, working for a salary.

## Stamp Out Yellow Fever.

### SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Sept. 29.—Thanks to the efforts of Colonel Samuel M. Whitehead, the commander of the department of Santiago de Puerto Principe, and the other officers in charge, 20 cases of yellow fever has been reported here since December. One hundred miles of streets are swept daily and previously infected houses have been three times disinfected. A house-to-house inspection is made by the surgeons and thousands of gallons of carbolic acid and used of chloroxide of lime have been used.

## SOFT COAL AS WELL.

### The United Mine Workers' Union May HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 29.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers today sent a telegram to the central Pennsylvania bituminous coal field, which possibly may have the effect of bringing the soft coal mining districts into the contest in which the anthracite workers are now waging against the mine owners. The telegram was sent to Richard Gilbert, secretary of District No. 2 at Clearfork, Pa. The text of the telegram is as follows:

## MAY ADJUST MATTERS

### The Coal Miners in Marikie Slopes Assent Part of Firm's Terms.

## ADJUSTMENT OF DISPUTED POINTS

### Board of Leavenworth County Has Arranged for Building Traps from Which It Occurs for Their Use. Arrangements to Be Maintained.

HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 27.—The efforts of the mines of G. E. Markle & Co. has been reached. There were many adjustments among the men today of adjustment with some of the firm's answers to their demands. The principal grievance was the wage scale, which for only about half of what the United Mine Workers are demanding.

Operations at the Marikie collieries were suspended today so that the employees could hold a meeting to discuss the firm's answer. The meeting was held in the forenoon and this afternoon the committee composed of employees of the several districts, with the exception of Ebervale, which is completely tied up, made known to the firm the decision of the employees. They are not satisfied with the firm's offer, but do not fear that they will make much of a success in getting the soft coal into the anthracite market. The miners in the central Pennsylvania region, he continues, are in thorough sympathy with their fellow workmen in the eastern part of the state and President Mitchell feels sure that as soon as they find that the coal they are working for is not to be used to take the place of the hard coal they will refuse to handle it.

Labor leaders do not expect a suspension of work in the soft coal fields which the operators must be asked to clear their coal the anthracite market. They also say that the Philadelphia & Reading, Delaware & Hudson and Jersey Central railroads being unable to handle the coal, they will accept soft coal wherever it can be used as a substitute. Considerable interest is being manifested as to the effect of President Mitchell's action in attempting to effect an all-movement of the coal-carrying roads.

This was a day of rumors. Around strike headquarters there were stories in circulation that Archbishop Ryan and Senator Hanna were coming here to mediate between the coal-carrying roads had agreed to arbitrate all differences and that the strike had been settled. The last mentioned rumor was the only one which the labor leaders paid any attention to and in connection with it they sent a telegram to the president of the union in the three districts comprising the entire anthracite coal field of Pennsylvania.

## ORDERED TO FIGHT FOREIGNERS.

### Secret Imperial Decree Said to Have Been Issued.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—The French cabinet has issued a decree dated September 25 (Tuesday) that Tung Puh Sian has just been appointed general of the western and northern armies. The consul adds that according to business information the viceroys and governors have received an imperial decree instructing them to fight the foreigners and destroy them.

## Keokuk Brigade Officers.

### Keokuk, Ia., Sept. 29.—The Crocker Brigade association finished its session here this afternoon with a large campfire. The following officers were elected: President, H. H. Root; Vice President, Colonel J. H. Monroe; Muscatine, W. M. Penn; Des Moines, Lieutenant Daniel Embree; Ames, Captain Mayes; Red Oak, corresponding secretary, D. W. Bushnell; Keokuk, secretary, J. H. Root; Treasurer, G. W. Kepler; Mount Vernon, treasurer, Peter Keine; Dubuque, Muscatine was selected as the place for the next meeting.

## White Gals Fashion's Place.

### GRAND FORKS, N. D., Sept. 27.—At a meeting of the republican state central committee today a letter was read from Governor F. B. Fancher, dated at Manila, today, in which he withdraws from the ticket by reason of his bad health. He is now at Sacramento, Cal. The committee advanced Frank White of Valley City, Minn., as the republican nominee to first place and put David Bartlett of Cooperstown in his stead.

## Two Per Cent Increase.

### HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 29.—The Associated Press tonight secured from President Mitchell the admission that he believes the mine operators have agreed to make the mine workers an offer of a 10 per cent increase in wages. Further than this Mr. Mitchell declined to talk. He has been reticent all day on the subject and several times declared that he knew nothing of the rumors of a settlement of the strike.

## Battleship Off for the Orient.

### WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Of the six war ships which were last week ordered to proceed to the Orient to reinforce the Asiatic squadron the Albany is the first to be ordered to proceed. The Albany sailed from Pictou yesterday and today the Wilmington left for the same port. The Albany and the Monterey for Bahia Brazil. Thence she will cross the Atlantic and proceed via the Mediterranean.

## Congress of Good Roads.

### TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 28.—The practical part of the program of the good roads congress, in session here, is an experimental road, a mile and one-half of highway near Washburn college. One-third of this road is to be paved with native limestone. The second third with the glacial stones commonly called "slinger heads," and the last section with flat tailings from the lead and zinc mines of Galena. Road-making machinery is on the ground, grading apparatus, ditching machines and stone crushers.

## Churches to Help Miners.

### SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 29.—Rev. John C. Konstantinovich, pastor of the Russian Greek church here and vicar general of the United States, sprung a surprise this afternoon. He announced that in the event of the strike continuing until suffering and destitution put in an appearance he and his congregation had arranged to mortgage their church property, valued at \$25,000, and divide the proceeds among the sufferers, and in the event of the strike being continued for a long period, the entire congregation will leave the town.

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