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TO GET TOGETHER

MINERS AND OPERATORS TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNS

Disposition to Avoid Prolonged Hearing of Cause—Ten Per Cent Increase—Nine-Hour Day and Trade Agreement.

SCRANTON, Pa.—The miners and mine owners have agreed to attempt to adjust their differences without the aid of the strike commission. The proposition was made on a compromise basis, and negotiations, it is expected, will at once be entered upon, with a reasonable hope of settlement.

The proposition which is to form the basis of negotiations, comprise three points:

1. A 10 per cent increase in wages.
2. A nine-hour day.
3. A trade agreement between the men and their employer.

The only one of the four demands not touched upon is that of weighing coal by the legal ton. While both sides have expressed a willingness to settle their differences among themselves, this does not necessitate the acceptance of the terms proposed. They are only mentioned as a basis for the negotiations and it is possible the whole scheme may be wrecked by either party holding out too strongly on some one point, and thus forcing the whole matter back into the hands of the commission, who in the meantime will act as a sort of a board of conciliation.

The move created a wild sensation when it became known. It is said it was all brought about by both sides seeing that the proceedings before the commission would be indeterminate, and in the intermingling of lawyers, the present proposition materialized.

It cannot be officially stated which party first made the suggestion. Attorneys for both sides are averse to talking and different stories are afloat. Counsel for one of the railroads said it came from the miners' side, while one lawyer for the operators, said it came from the operators. Another representative of the miners said it was a "spontaneous" proposition. It is generally believed, however, that the operators were the first to make the proposition.

Wayne MacVeagh, is indeed, generally given credit for the present situation. He went to New York after he had finished with Mr. Mitchell and had a conference with certain persons, among them, it is said, with J. P. Morgan.

The commissioners were informed of the new turn of affairs Friday night and acquiesced in the arrangement. The proposition did not even directly come up during the public hearing. Friday and adjournment was made, nominally to permit both sides to complete their documentary evidence.

Clarence S. Darrow, near the close of the session, suggested that the miners be given more time to prepare their evidence. They wanted to present the wage statements of thousands of miners, and they found the task a stupendous one. They also wanted to carefully examine the companies books and this, too, would take considerable time.

CODY LEAVES FOR EUROPE.

His Last Trip With Show Either in This Country or Abroad.

CODY, Wyo.—In an interview Friday afternoon W. F. Cody said:

"I will leave tomorrow for New York, from which port our show sets sail in ten days for Europe. This will be my last trip, abroad or at home, in the show business. I was born a pioneer, have lived a pioneer and desire to die as a pioneer of this great country."

"My idea of a rough rider school to be established at Cody is by no means given up. It has been delayed, but will be organized and pushed through to success next season. This school will be an important factor in training our hardy young men for the cavalry service and you may say the school will be a sure go."

Money to Be Made in Wheat.

NEW YORK.—The best posted and most conservative grain men in New York and Chicago are unanimous in the opinion that the time is ripe for a substantial advance in the price of wheat, and the increased activity in the market for the past few days shows that they are acting on their opinion.

Stock Perishing on Ranges.

DENVER, Colo.—The Colorado Humane society on Wednesday received reports that live stock is perishing in various localities in this state where the drought of last summer left the ranges bare of grass. At Black Mountain, where there has been a heavy snowfall, cattle are reported to be dying by hundreds. The Wet Mountains district is another from which complaints have come.

Pistols at a Prize Fight.

GUTHRIE, Okla.—Trouble arose at a prize fight in Oklahoma City Thursday night, and within a few seconds twenty-five shots were fired. Goldie Wilson fell dead with five bullets in his head, his brother is fatally injured with a shot through the neck, and two unknown men were shot, one through the shoulder, the other through a leg. The prize fight reached its fourth round when the melee started.

CANNON APPEARS A WINNER.

Heppburn Expresses that Opinion After Conference with Dalzell.

WASHINGTON.—Indications continue to multiply to show that "Uncle Joe" Cannon will certainly wield the gavel in the next house of representatives. Representative Heppburn of Iowa, who has been opposed to Mr. Cannon, said on Monday that his election seemed sure. He made the statement after a long conference with Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, who is an aspirant for the honor.

The Iowa congressional delegation holds a meeting Tuesday to take action on the speakership question. Colonel Heppburn has wired his colleagues that if they inchose Cannon he wishes his vote to go to him also, to make it unanimous. The story that Representative Balrock is to be made the chairman of the ways and means committee in consideration of his withdrawal from the speakership race is generally discredited. It is thought that after looking over the field he saw he could not win and decided not to enter the fight.

MAY DELAY THE TREATY.

Differences Between State Department and Columbians.

WASHINGTON.—Differences have arisen between the state department and the Columbian government which may delay an agreement upon the terms of a canal treaty beyond the time in which it has been expected to conclude the treaty.

Secretary Hay has furnished the Columbian minister, Mr. Concha, with a memorandum setting forth the position of this government which was prepared by the secretary after he had received a similar memorandum from Mr. Concha defining the Columbian position. There are differences between the two which must be reconciled before a treaty can be drawn. It is apparent that Mr. Hay has taken a firm position and did not adopt all the terms proposed by the Columbian government.

It is assumed that Mr. Concha will refer the points at variance to his government and this time will be contented as it will take several days to get a reply from Bogota to his inquiries.

IOWA TRAIN HELD UP.

Fifteen Masked Men Dynamite Safe in Express Car.

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Fifteen masked bandits derailed the fast westbound express train on the Rock Island road three miles west of here Friday morning, detached the engine and express car and two miles further west drove the United States Express company's messenger from the car, dynamited the safe, securing all its contents, and escaped after making one of the richest hauls on record in this section of the country.

The detonation from the discharge of the bomb could be distinctly heard in Davenport, five miles distant.

One car is off the track and the express car is a mass of ruins.

So far as known none of the passengers were molested, but it is feared that harm befell the express messenger.

For Fraudulently Using Mails.

STOUCX CITY, Ia.—Earl Lake of this city has just been sentenced to six months in the penitentiary at Anamosa by the United States court at Fort Dodge for attempting the "Pat Crow" act. He pleaded guilty. Lake was charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. At the time of the disappearance of Mrs. T. F. Burns, a prominent society woman here, some weeks ago, Lake proposed in a letter to Mr. Burns that he would reveal her whereabouts for \$100, and instructed him to leave the money at a certain spot. He was met by detectives and arrested.

Chinese Would Be Free.

SHANGHAI.—Strong articles are appearing in the Chinese newspapers declaring that by the withdrawal of the British troops from Shanghai to Wei Hai Wei and the withdrawal of the German force to Tieng Tan the independence of the Yang Tse valley is still menaced. The Chinese want the British and the Germans to get out of China altogether, instead of merely evacuating Shanghai and withdrawing to their respective garrison stations. The papers add that a conflict between Germany and Great Britain is inevitable.

Reading Answers Heard.

WASHINGTON.—The answer of the Reading Railway company to the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York, against the anthracite coal carrying roads, was filed with the interstate commerce commission Tuesday. It enters a general and specific denial to all the charges, statements and inferences that the Reading is in any way violating the interstate commerce law and denies as false and untrue all the allegations of unlawful combination, confederation, or agreement.

Russia Employs Americans.

ST. PETERSBURG.—An American firm was on Monday awarded a \$1,000,000 contract to construct telephone conduits in this city. The contract calls for twenty miles of underground tubes to be laid by 1903. A Chicago firm has secured the contract for the switchboard.

Some people always appear to be hopelessly misled.

ILLEGAL FENCING

MOSBY TAKES ISSUE REGARDING AN INTERVIEW.

WHAT THE LAW CONTEMPLATES

Cattlemen Have Sixty Days' Notice in Which to Pull Down Fences—Duties of the U. S. District Attorney Set Forth.

WASHINGTON.—Colonel Mosby, special agent of the general land office, charged with the duty of reporting illegal fences on the public domain in Nebraska, is not at all satisfied with the interview which was published, with District Attorney Summers. Colonel Mosby stated he had made no agreement with District Attorney Summers that proceedings in court against the fence men should be withheld until after sixty days had expired. He stated that he had no lawful right to make such an agreement, nor had the district attorney.

"My letters to Colonel Summers," said Colonel Mosby, "will show that I complained against the violation of the fencing law in Nebraska long since and that I stated that the statutes regarding illegal fencing were a dead letter so far as Nebraska was concerned. The general land office, in its instructions, directs special agents to give to cattlemen sixty days' notice within which to pull down the fences, but the act of congress requires a district attorney to institute suit to remove a fence as soon as an affidavit is filed complaining of it. I had no right to repeat the statute. I was appointed to enforce the law by calling the attention of the district attorney to illegal fences and it was his business to bring suit to remove the same. If Mr. Summers had not been apathetic then why has he not presented my letters complaining of his apathy? The letters which I have written to him regarding this matter, covering a period of several months, are made part of my report. Complaints were filed a year ago with Mr. Summers against Miller & Leith for the notorious negro entries which appear in the Alliance land office and later complaint was filed with this same office of the government calling attention to illegal fences which they maintained, yet nothing was done by Mr. Summers to correct these gross violations of the statutes."

COURTS POWERLESS TO ACT.

Friar's Death by Water Cure Cannot Be Legally Avenged.

WASHINGTON.—The secretary of war on Friday sent to the attorney general papers in the case of Father Augustine, who died from the effects of the "water cure" administered by soldiers of a Vermont regiment, while serving in the Philippines.

The case has been thoroughly investigated by the judge advocate general of the army upon the charges brought by Charles Francis Adams, Herbert Welsh and others of what was known to the Lake George conference.

It is said the guilt has not been brought home to any person now serving in the army. It is expected, therefore, that the attorney general will declare that neither the courts in this country nor those in the Philippines have any jurisdiction over the men or officers who have been discharged from the army.

Claim Election Illegal.

CODY, Wyo.—The election in Big Horn county is alleged to have been illegal and will probably be contested by the democrats. It is claimed that the certificates of nomination of the candidates were not published prior to the election, as required by law, and this will be the ground for attacking the validity of the election, and notice to this effect will be filed in the district court at Basin City in a few days.

Looks Like Cannon.

CHICAGO.—Action by the republican congressional delegations of Ohio and Michigan is believed to clinch the election of Congressman Cannon as the next speaker of the house of congress and as the successor of David B. Henderson of Iowa. The nominee will require 104 votes to control the caucus. According to Congressman Mann, chairman of his campaign committee, Mr. Cannon now has a total of 120 members pledged him in state caucuses and by personal letters.

Assassin's Shot Fatal.

TELLURIDE, Colo.—Arthur L. Collins, general manager of the Smuggler-Union Mining company, who was shot by an unknown assassin on Wednesday night at Padora, died Thursday morning. He was born in England thirty-three years ago, in consequence of the murder of General Manager Collins, the Smuggler-Union Mining company has closed its mines and mills for an indefinite period. The company employed between 400 and 500 men.

Files Answer to Hearst.

WASHINGTON.—The Central Railway of New Jersey on Thursday filed with the interstate commerce commission its answer to the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York against the anthracite coal carrying railroads. It makes a brief general denial of the allegations and says the company has no knowledge of any injury caused to the complainant by reason of the matters complained of.

Must Vote in Person.

ATCHISON, Kan.—Judge Hudson, in the district court on Wednesday, held that the new absentee railway employees' law permitting railroad men to vote when away from home on election day, to be unconstitutional. With the absentee railroad men's vote Peter Laughlin, fusionist, has a majority of five for the legislature from the country district. Without it U. B. Sharpless, republican, has a majority.

CHINA'S TROUBLE.

The Rebels Capture the City of Szeifu.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Advices have been received from Canton to the effect that the Kwangrei rebels have captured the prefectural city of Szeifu and several district cities in the same prefecture. A number of the officials of the captured cities either committed suicide or were killed by the rebels, while some succeeded in escaping.

It is stated on good authority that the rebels recently received a large consignment of provisions, magazine rifles and ammunition, which caused the rebellion to be renewed. Two battalions of troops have reached Canton on route to fight the rebels.

From Szechuan news was received that General Ting had defeated the Boxers, capturing the fortress at Yang Tachai, between Horou and Taihooken.

In Tsa Nshait the imperial troops also repulsed the Boxers, killing 300 in a fight. Reports are now being received from the provinces of Yunnan and Kueichou that the Boxers are massing in those provinces.

A Peking correspondent of the North China Herald says the Chinese government is secretly planning another upheaval. From reliable sources he learns that the dowager empress has received reports from all viceroys and governors regarding the number of soldiers and amount of war munitions that can be raised, and instructions have been given to train the Manchus in the use of the rifle and in western drill. They are to be drafted to the different provinces to instruct the soldiers, this being part of the plan for another outbreak.

CHOLERA SPREADS IN MANILA.

Alarm Occasioned by Increase of Disease Among Residents.

MANILA.—The number of cholera cases is increasing in this city and the spread of the disease is causing some alarm. There are on an average thirty cases daily. The Funston reserve hospital, the casual camp at Santa Mesa and Bilbilid prison are now included among the places infested. The disease is spreading in the Marquina valley, where the danger of an infection of the water supply is regarded as grave. Should the water supply become infected a general epidemic is considered inevitable. The cholera reports from the provinces show a decrease in the number of cases.

A conference of the bishops, priests and leaders of the Philippine Roman Catholic church will be held in Manila next week. They propose to address a memorial to Mr. Guidi, the apostolic delegate in the Philippines, setting forth their position. A number of natives, who are sympathetic with the movement, but are still adhering to the Roman Catholic church, will seek an interview with Mr. Guidi before reaffirming allegiance to Rome or joining the dissenters. It is believed that Mr. Guidi will deal with the church situation before entering upon negotiations with Civil Governor Taft regarding the friar lands.

MORE SUPPORT FOR CANNON.

Michigan and Ohio Will Both Vote for Him for Speaker.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Ten of the eleven republican congressmen in Michigan met here Thursday and discussed the speakership of the house. A formal motion was carried that the Michigan delegation go on record in favor of the candidacy of Joseph Cannon of Illinois.

COLUMBUS, O.—At a conference held here Thursday twelve of the republican congressmen-elect of Ohio declared in favor of Cannon of Illinois as speaker of the house. Two members, Messrs. Jackson and Morgan, are pledged to support Burton of Ohio.

Finances of Pan-American.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The contractors and others who hold unassigned claims against the Pan-American Exposition company will receive 97 per cent of the total amount of their bills out of the appropriation of \$500,000 made by congress. John G. Milburn, president of the Pan-American and a trustee of the relief fund, gave out a statement of the relief fund, which says the total amount of claims presented was \$386,594. The total amount of claims as audited was \$516,013. The amount of the appropriation is \$500,000, and therefore, each creditor receives nearly 67 per cent of his claims.

Appoints Egan's Successor.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—In a circular issued Wednesday by the Great Northern company the company accepts as a fact that Benjamin F. Egan, the missing superintendent of the Kalispell has perished, and appoints E. A. Long as successor, with the title of acting superintendent. Mr. Egan disappeared in the mountains two weeks ago and search since then, carried on hourly by 300 men, has failed to find traces of the missing man.

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RATES SHOVED UP

FREIGHT AGENTS DECIDE COUNTRY CAN STAND RAISE.

FORMER RATES GO INTO EFFECT

Reduced Tariffs Filed Since Injunction Are All to Be Withdrawn—Increased Revenue Will Amount to a Large Sum.

CHICAGO.—A meeting was held Thursday of the general freight agents of all western roads with a view to restoring the rates which were in effect January 1, 1902. Instructions to restore all such rates as could possibly be restored were issued by the executive officials and it is stated that they will be carried out to the letter.

Independent of this meeting the Colorado lines met and began the work of restoring conditions to Colorado common points.

The plan is to go on the old basis of rates the first of the year, which will necessitate the withdrawal of all the reduced tariffs placed in effect since January 1, 1902.

Since the issuing of the instructions by the United States courts fully 1,200 reduced tariffs have been filed with the interstate commerce commission at Washington and are now in effect. If it is found possible to take out the majority of these tariffs, the western roads will enjoy an increased revenue next year amounting to several million dollars. Whether the rate raising will go beyond the restoration of the old tariff remains to be seen.

Several reasons are assigned by railroad officials for a readjustment of freight schedules, the most important being the increased cost of material which is used in railroad construction. Another is the general raise in wages. Most railroad officials cannot see why the cost of every other commodity which is for sale is increased and freight rates stay down. It is expected that so long as the present plethora of freight traffic keeps up the railroads will be able to maintain higher tariffs without serious rate cutting.

PITTSBURG.—Railroad executives of the districts of the central freight and trunk line associations have decided that a freight rate advance of 2 per cent must go into effect on the bulk of the mill furnace tonnage on or before January 1.

The application and the division of the advances on the rates from Pittsburgh to the east and west are matters of detail to be worked out in the tariff committees and associations.

In the cheaper grain traffic an advance of 15 per cent is to be made. This will go into effect December 3.

Reading Advances Wages.

PHILADELPHIA.—A circular letter was issued Tuesday by the Philadelphia & Reading railway notifying the heads of all departments that "taking effect November 1, 1902, the wages of all employees will be equalized with those paid by railway companies in this vicinity." The increase will not take in the 10 per cent increase all around, as was the case of the Pennsylvania company, for the reason, it is said, that many Reading employees are now receiving higher salaries than those paid by the Pennsylvania and other roads in this section.

ALASKA MAN MUST HANG.

Sequel to Quarrel that Occurred During Klondike Excitement.

WASHINGTON.—The United States supreme court on Monday, in an opinion by Justice McKenna, affirmed a decision of the lower court in the case of Homer Bird against the United States, coming to the court on a writ of error from the district court of Alaska, by which court Bird was convicted of murder.

The case has attracted considerable attention, the murder having occurred during the Klondike excitement in 1898. Bird, a contractor of New Orleans was on his way to that section with a party, when he quarreled with some members of his party and killed two of them.

The case had had two hearings in the supreme court. The first hearing resulted in the ordering of a new trial. That trial resulted in a conviction and the case was again brought to this court, with the result that the decision was this time against the accused.

BUFFALO BILL OPENS HOTEL.

Announces at Same Time Engagement of His Youngest Daughter.

CODY, Wyo.—Several interesting features marked the opening here Tuesday evening of the Hotel Irma, built by Colonel W. F. Cody at a cost of \$100,000 and named by him in honor of his youngest daughter, Miss Irma Cody.

Colonel Cody and Miss Irma led the grand march when the festivities began, 600 guests from all parts of the west and northwest following the lead. Before the banquet which marked the climax of the festivities he announced the engagement of Miss Irma Cody to Lieutenant Charles Armstrong, Tenth United States cavalry, a young officer who won honors in the Philippines.

Colonel Cody's guests included Governor Savage of Nebraska, Colonel Frank Powell of St. Paul, Lieutenant Scott of Fort McKean and "Mountain Charlie," a well known scout.

NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

WORK FOR THE LEGISLATORS.

Biennial Appropriations Mount into Big Figures.

The one hundred and thirty-three members of the legislature-elect will be confronted with claims amounting to \$2,134,208 to keep the state government running during the next two years and to build new structures at state institutions. This is the total amount asked for by state officers and heads of state institutions, but it is not unusual for such officers to ask for more than they receive. The last legislature appropriated a total of \$2,373,253.

Auditor Charles Weston and Deputy Auditor George Anthes have completed a compilation of the estimated amounts submitted by state officers and heads of state institutions. This is what it shows:

Supplies	\$2,477,000
Construction	25,000
Other expenses	20,250
Total	\$2,522,250

The following amounts are wanted for new buildings:

State University	\$250,000
State Normal School	15,000
Girls Industrial School	10,000
State Normal School	10,000
Industrial School for Boys	15,000
Institute for People Minded	10,000
State Normal School	10,000
Institute for Deaf and Dumb	25,000
State Normal School	10,000
Hospital, Lincoln	15,000
Total	\$450,000

The following are the estimates for the biennium submitted to the auditor:

Legislative expenses	\$125,000
Governor	12,500
State Public Lands & Bldgs.	25,000
State superintendent	10,000
Attorney general	10,000
Secretary of state	10,000
State treasurer	10,000
Auditor general	10,000
Supreme court	10,000
State Board of Education	10,000
Board of Public Lands & Bldgs.	10,000
State Historical Society	10,000
State Banking Board	10,000
Food Commission	10,000
Public Labor	10,000
State Board of Irrigation	10,000
State Penitentiary	10,000
State Normal	10,000
Girls Industrial School	10,000
State Normal School	10,000
Soldiers' Home, Grand Island	10,000
Industrial Home, Grand Island	10,000
Institute People Minded	10,000
Home for Friendless	10,000
Asylum, Hastings	10,000
Nebraska Industrial Home	10,000
Institute Deaf and Dumb	10,000
Penitentiary	10,000
Fish and Game Commission	10,000
State Historical Society	10,000
Hospital, Lincoln	10,000
State Veterinary Commission	10,000
State Board of Health	10,000
Charities and Corrections	10,000
District Court	10,000
Patrolmen	10,000
Journal	10,000
Poultry Association	10,000
State Historical Society	10,000
State Board of Horticulture	10,000
State Board of Agriculture	10,000
Printing and Stationery	10,000
Printing & Trans. Abs. Lands.	10,000
State Normal School	10,000
Advertising State Printing	10,000
Relief State Tax illegally Ass'd.	10,000
Walt Bounties	10,000
Delinquent	10,000
Publication Court Amendment	10,000
Total	\$2,134,208

OFFICIAL VOTE OF STATE.

Republican Majority Reaches 5,355 on the Ticket.

LINCOLN.—Secretary of State Marsh, after fully verifying the official vote cast for governor, announced that Mr. Mickel received 96,471, Mr. Thompson 91,119, making the republican majority 5,355. The total vote cast in the state may have this changed before the canvass is completed. It now stands 198,677. Last year it was 203,000, and two years ago it was 251,000. The unverified vote on lieutenant governor is: McGilton 98,220, Gilbert 87,013; secretary of state, Marsh 99,123, Powers 85,244. Mr. Marsh has a majority of 12,884. It is believed that State Superintendent Fowler will lead the list. The totals on the other officers have not been announced.

Smallpox Driven Out.

LINCOLN.—Superintendent J. T. Morey of the institute for the blind at Nebraska City has written Governor Savage the following letter:

"Relative to smallpox in the institution, I have the pleasure to state that it has entirely disappeared, there not having been any quarantine upon us for several days. It has been of the most inconsequential nature possible, only the annoyance associated with its name giving us any concern. Nobody was sick enough to go to bed, but prompt isolation, with the vaccination which I insisted on before re-entry to school in September, seemed to prevent the spread. We have not a case of sickness of any kind."

The Question of the Right of the State to Buy Securities or Bonds of any State other than Nebraska was argued before department No. 1 of the supreme court by Attorney General Prout.

He presented a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel State Treasurer Steuffer to comply with an order of the board of educational lands and funds to pay not to exceed \$300,000 for bonds of the state of Massachusetts. In order to arrange a friendly suit to test the matter the state treasurer refused to pay the bonds.

A special train of four cars, loaded to the doors with lunatics, started from Lincoln Tuesday for Hastings, where they will be housed. The change has been one contemplated for some time, but the right opportunity for the change has not been found until now. A horde of keepers and attendants accompanied the 160 insane patients.

Some men never head a procession until they enact the star role of a general.

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