

TAFT WILL TALK WITH MITCHELL

President Asks Labor Leader to Come to White House for Conference Over Coal Situation.

IN TOUCH WITH BOTH SIDES

Executive is Anxious to Avert Strike if Possible.

MEETING IN CLEVELAND TODAY

Bituminous Miners and Operators Will Hold Conference.

WORK WILL CEASE APRIL 1

Operator Says Men Are Demanding Equivalent of Twenty Per Cent Raise and that it Cannot Be Granted.

BULLETIN.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 19.—It became known today that while President Taft had not sought to interfere in the anthracite coal deadlock, he is keeping in close touch with both sides and will see John Mitchell at the White House this week.

CHICAGO, March 19.—The Record-Herald today says:

"President Taft may take a hand in the coal situation to avert a strike in the anthracite fields.

"Armed over the political possibilities of a general strike of coal miners, the president is said to be preparing to follow the precedent established by his predecessor in office in 1902 and bring pressure on the anthracite coal operators to make concessions in the interests of peace.

To gain information on the subject President Taft has called John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, to Washington for a conference.

It was said that even if the miners and operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois at their conference at Cleveland tomorrow decide to come to an amicable arrangement it will be impossible to draw up the terms of a two-year agreement by the first of the month and that therefore a suspension of business, if not a strike, was inevitable.

E. McLaughlin, secretary of the association, declared that 200,000 miners in the four states alone would be affected. As at least six other states—Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Michigan—use the agreement in the four mentioned states as the basis for their contracts, Mr. McLaughlin said, practically the entire bituminous coal field, with 600,000 men involved, would face a suspension of business.

"Neither the miners nor the operators would be willing to operate without an agreement, even if the miners show a disposition not to strike. How long business will be stopped cannot be prophesied.

"In our opinion, the mines affected will be Illinois, 20,000; Indiana, 12,000; Ohio, 25,000; and the rest in Pennsylvania."

The above statement was made by H. Taylor, president of the association, before leaving Chicago for Cleveland to attend the conference there. Mr. Taylor also said the union was asking for 10 per cent increase in pay with a reduction of working hours which amount to another 10 per cent increase in wage cost. He said the operators were determined not to yield to these demands.

Suspension Will Be Short.

NEW YORK, March 19.—There was a subsidence of the anthracite strike scare today and in consequence there was a falling off in the pressing demand for hard coal from frightened consumers.

The belief is gaining ground that both sides will reach an agreement and that if there is a suspension of work on April 1, it will not last long. The operators say they are ready to confer with the men on any reasonable proposition and consider the situation from all angles.

There are also reports from the hard coal region that the miners' officials are ready to meet the operators half way.

The report from the west that President Taft may be asked to take a hand in the situation to avert a strike was read with interest, but there was no comment made by the operators.

Meanwhile the operators are said to be doing nothing toward preparing for a strike. Local hotels, hospitals and transit lines are well stocked with coal in preparation for a long strike.

Soft Coal Miners Quit April First.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Announcement was made from the Illinois Coal Operators' association today that it would be practically impossible for miners and operators in the bituminous fields to reach a new agreement by April 1 and that a suspension on that date was certain.

Wage Bill Introduced.

LONDON, March 19.—Premier Asquith today introduced in the House of Commons the coal rates bill, whose intention is to establish a fixed minimum wage for underground workers.

The premier explained that the measure was only a temporary one, whose specific purpose was to settle the present difficulty in the coal trade in Great Britain. The enactment will, therefore, be effective for only three years, unless the coal industry wishes to prolong it. A reasonable minimum wage for the miners, with safeguards to protect the owners against slackness and deficiency of

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair and continued cold, high northern winds.

For Iowa—Generally fair; cold wave in east portion Wednesday; high northerly winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	42
6 a. m.	40
7 a. m.	38
8 a. m.	36
9 a. m.	34
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	30
12 m.	28
1 p. m.	26
2 p. m.	24
3 p. m.	22
4 p. m.	20
5 p. m.	18
6 p. m.	16
7 p. m.	14
8 p. m.	12
9 p. m.	10
10 p. m.	8
11 p. m.	6
12 m.	4

Chinese Recapture Forts Near Canton Taken by Bandits

HONGKONG, March 19.—A flotilla of Chinese gunboats opened fire on the Bogue forts at Canton today. The forts have been in the hands of the followers of Luk, the brigand chief, for a week past, since the soldiers mutinied and handed them over to the robbers. The robbers replied vigorously to the bombardment of the gunboats.

Luk yesterday declared that if his followers, whom he calls the people's army, failed to gain victory over the government, they would shell the foreign quarters in order to bring about foreign intervention.

The forts at Yuchu, Whampoa and Fu Mun, on the Canton river, recently captured by the bandit soldiers, were retaken today by the government troops after a long and severe campaign. The bandits suffered severe losses.

The government authorities bought up all the bread and canned meat in the stores in the city in order to starve the bandits into submission.

In the opinion of authoritative persons here the trouble is far from being ended.

PEKING, March 19.—A conflict of opinion has arisen between Leo Allen Bergholz, American consul general here, and the British consul general on the question of international action.

The senior naval officer of the United States gunboat Wilmington is in command of the foreign naval forces, while a British officer holds the foreign settlement of Shanghai with a force consisting of four-fifths British and one-fifth French troops.

The situation has become so serious that a telegram has been sent to Hongkong asking for advice, and in response Commodore Crosswell J. Eyres, the British naval officer in charge at Hongkong, is on his way here.

Tripp County Woman Missing Many Days Found in Kansas

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. August Hulet, wife of a prominent homesteader living in Tripp county, who mysteriously disappeared several weeks ago, and for whom a constant search has since been maintained, has been found alive and well in a hospital in Kansas, where herself and husband resided before coming to South Dakota.

It now has been revealed that her mind was unbalanced by the illness of herself and grief occasioned by the loss of her children by death, and that while in this condition she wandered away from her South Dakota home. Some days after disappearing from South Dakota she appeared at Pittsburg, Kan., which had been the former home of herself and husband, and apparently had temporarily recovered her mind. She attended to some business matters, which involved the collection of money, which she sent to her husband. To friends at Pittsburg she stated she was going home, but she evidently lost her mind once more, for in a letter dated Baldwin, Kan., she informed her husband that she would not return to South Dakota.

He then departed for Kansas and commenced the search for her, continuing this for some weeks without success. Recently he returned to South Dakota, and had fixed the date for the sale of his personal property so he could return to Kansas and resume the search for the missing woman, only to now be informed that she had been found in a Kansas hospital. Hulet and his wife have had four children, all of whom died and are buried at their former home in Kansas. For weeks scores of persons were engaged in the search for the missing woman.

House Passes Income Excise Tax Measure by a Big Majority

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The democratic excise income tax bill passed the house unamended this afternoon by a vote of 249 to 41. Many republicans voted for it.

Seventy-nine republicans had voted for the measure and there were no democratic votes against it.

The bill would extend the existing corporation tax law to include a tax of 1 per cent on the yearly net incomes of all firms or individuals in excess of \$5,000.

The democrats declare the tax is one on "doing business," despite the fact that it would include salaried people, and claim it would bring in sufficient revenue to offset the loss of \$90,000,000 resulting from putting sugar on the free list.

The free sugar bill already has gone to the senate and the excise tax bill will be sent to the senate tomorrow.

GIRL LOSES EYE DURING RUSH ON BARGAIN COUNTER

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 19.—Miss Lola Mason of Libertyville, Ia., is in a local hospital today as the result of a harpin jab received in one of her eyes, during a bargain counter rush at Libertyville yesterday. The physicians say she has lost the sight of the eye.

The National Capital

Tuesday, March 19, 1912.

The Senate.

Met at noon.

Chairman Emery told finance committee it would take two years for tariff board to investigate all schedules of present tariff law.

Senator Townsend introduced a bill to provide investigations of controversies affecting interstate commerce.

The House.

Met at noon.

Interstate commerce committee decided to appoint sub-committee to consider bill to extend Erdman act to coal mine owners.

Excise tax bill passed, unamended, 249 to 41.

Began consideration of rivers and harbors appropriation bill.

STEAM ROLLER IS AFTER CLARK MEN

"Progressive" Democrats at Lincoln Post Sharpshooters for Arthur Mullen and His ilk.

MIKE HARRINGTON IN LEAD

Take Action to Prevent Defeat of Bryan in Primaries.

"HARMON MUST NOT WIN"

Friends of Peerless Leader Say Forces Must Not Be Divided.

MEDICINE MIXING GALORE

Democrats Gathered for Banquet Hold Lovefeast at Which All Go Armed and Bowtie Knives Are in Evidence.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic steam roller was in active operation today, with Mike Harrington in charge as engineer. The persons who felt the crushing effect of the machine were the Champ Clark following and Arthur Mullen, the Clark manager in this state, the most sought after victims. It started operation in the morning when the Wilson league met and adopted resolutions declaring it the sense of the league that the Nebraska delegation to the Baltimore convention be bound by the unit rule and that the total preference vote in the state, without regard to the result in any district, be the guide for the delegates. The league also declared its opposition to dividing the delegation with Clark.

"Progressives" Meet.

Later in the day when the "progressive" democrats met at the Lincoln hotel the same steam roller was there with the same engine in charge, and he had the machine under good control at all times, though some of the victims squirmed considerably. The meeting, which was attended by about 300, was called to order by T. E. Allen, with N. J. Ludl of Wahoo acting as secretary. Before the meeting Lee Herdman, Tom Allen and Arthur Mullen had an animated conversation in the rear of the room. Just previously Charles W. Bryan and Arthur Mullen had an animated joint debate in which Bryan accused Mullen of acting in bad faith in pushing the Clark campaign, which Mullen vigorously denied.

Hanks Starts Fun.

H. H. Hanks started things off by offering a resolution which recited that in the controversy between Clark and Wilson it was possible the Harmon "reactionaries" might get a plurality in the state and that to assure victory it was the sense of the meeting that four of the sixteen delegates to the convention vote for Clark and eight for Wilson.

The delegates were to be thus apportioned on condition that Clark's name be withdrawn from the preference ballot. It was agreed this resolution that the battle raged. Hanks and C. J. Bowley of Crete spoke in his favor, and Mike Harrington and Pat McKillop leading the opposition, that Clark's name be withdrawn from the primary ballot.

Arthur Mullen announced he could not accept the conditions, but after saying a warm eulogy to Clark and saying he was the real war horse of democracy, he had always stood with the ticket and helped the party, dropped the hint that with the aid of former Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, an arrangement was in process mousious and save Bryan from a possible defeat in the state by the election of a Harmon delegation.

The meeting, under the leadership of Harrington, was in no mood for such indefinite compromises. Hanks finally withdrew his motion and one offered by Jacob Wilson of Stromsburg was adopted. This recited that the rival candidates of Wilson and Clark, which were expected to draw support from the same faction of the party was endangering the success of the "progressives" cause and that if Clark's name were withdrawn from the primary ballot the delegation was requested to vote for Clark as a second choice if Wilson could not be nominated. McKillop, Carrol Montgomery, Edgar Hayward, E. O. Garrett and several other spoke to the resolution and Mullen wound up the discussion by announcing that he had no authority to withdraw the name of Clark, but that must be done by Clark himself, if at all.

Garrett Throws Bomb.

The resolution was finally passed by an overwhelming vote, and was also one that the delegation to the national convention vote as a unit. E. O. Garrett threw a bomb into the meeting by a resolution which called upon all candidates for state and national office to declare themselves on candidates for the presidency, prefixing it with a statement that the democrats of the state were tired of the gumshoe campaign.

There is no telling what might have happened from this resolution if all present had not been anxious to get in the clear for the banquet of the evening and a motion to adjourn was carried without its being acted on.

Steam Roller Busy.

From first to last it was a typical democratic Donnybrook with the train crew of the steam roller busily delivering panegyrics on letting the people rule while they were directing the machine over the prostrate forms of the helpless Clark followers, halting every few minutes to give Harmon a kick and throw a few bouquets at Bryan.

It wound up by voting an endorsement of the following as delegates at large to the Baltimore convention: W. J. Bryan, W. H. Westover, George L. Loomis and F. J. Dunn.

NEW BASE BALL CIRCUIT IN SOUTHEASTERN NEBRASKA

FALLS CITY, Neb., March 19.—(Special.)—Five cities, Nebraska City, Auburn, Humboldt, Beatrice and Falls City were represented at a meeting held here Monday to form a base ball circuit to succeed the old Mink league. It was decided to form a six-league club, and each city represented was voted a franchise. The sixth point will be settled at a meeting to be held at Beatrice within ten days.

"Four Long Weeks Yet—Gee Whizz!"

From the Cleveland Leader.

TEDDY REPLIES TO TAFT

Colonel Says Primaries Can Be Secured in Four States.

ASKS MANAGERS TO CO-OPERATE

He Calls Upon All Friends of Direct Nominations to Aid in Passing Bills to Several States.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Colonel Roosevelt today issued a statement in which he discussed Taft's speech in Boston yesterday.

"I am exceedingly glad that the president favors the presidential primary, and if his campaign managers will sincerely back him in the proposition we will be able at once to get the presidential preferential primaries in Michigan, Illinois, Maryland, the District of Columbia and New York," said the colonel.

"President Taft is reported as saying at Boston yesterday," Colonel Roosevelt said, "that the 'voluntary primary' is a method adopted by the people as the only way in which to express their wishes when their legislators deny them any other opportunity to do so, is worse than nothing. But the president continued to say that he favored a preferential primary for the presidency.

Hale Wires to Taft.

"On the 14th of this month Matthew Hale of Boston, acting on behalf of the Massachusetts progressive republicans, who were making a desperate fight for the passage of the preferential primary bill, wired the president at the White House asking him for his moral support in securing the passage of the Massachusetts bill. Mr. Hale referred specifically to the fact that the president's adherents in Massachusetts were using every means to defeat the passage of the bill.

"On the 6th of March the president's secretary, Mr. Hillis, wrote Mr. Hale a brief note saying that his message had been received, and by direction of Mr. Taft referred to his campaign manager, Congressman McKinley (who at the time was doing all he could to defeat a similar measure in Illinois). Nothing further was heard from the president or from his campaign manager, Mr. McKinley, by Mr. Hale, or by anyone else in Massachusetts as far as I know, and no moral aid, comfort or support was given by the president or his managers to the men in Massachusetts who were making a most desperate fight to overcome the efforts of the president's supporters in that state to defeat the bill.

"However, public opinion was aroused and the bill went through, and I am exceedingly glad that the president—now nearly a week after the bill has become a law—should say, as he does, that he favors it and welcomes it.

"But I earnestly hope that the president and his supporters will in other states support such legislation before it passes and not after it passes."

Japanese Take Exceptions to the Dillingham Bill

TOKIO, March 19.—Count Hatton, a member of the opposition, today in the Japanese house of representatives condemned Senator Dillingham's bill amending the immigration laws of the United States as an insufferable insult to Japan. The Japanese government's willingness to participate in the Panama exposition, he said, was contrary to Japan's honor and interest.

No reply was made from the government side. One of the members of the cabinet promised that a written response would be given later.

Senator Dillingham's bill provides for the exclusion of laborers and artisans of races ineligible for American naturalization. It was understood that this meant both Japanese and Chinese, and later on the suggestion of Senator Lodge the clause was amended so that the Japanese would not be offended.

Five Men in Buggy Are Killed by Train

ELLETTSVILLE, Ind., March 19.—Five men in a buggy were killed outright by a passenger train on the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railroad at a crossing near here early today. They had spent the evening at a theater at Bloomington and were driving to Spencer where they were employed as glass blowers. Among those killed was Emmett Williams of Kansas City, Mo.

The engine struck the buggy squarely and splintered it. Four of the men were thrown clear of the track, but the body of one was caught by the pilot of the locomotive and carried a mile and a half to this city. Trauma went back to the crossing and found the torn bodies. The two horses hitched to the vehicle were not hurt.

DEAN DAVIS MAKES ADDRESS AT MEETING OF SCHOOLMEN

MINNEAPOLIS, March 19.—Deans of eleven liberal arts colleges or academic departments of western state universities met here today for a two days' session to discuss problems relating to their branch of education. Among the speakers today was Dean Elery W. Davis of the University of Nebraska.



From the Cleveland Leader.

First Ballot for New Mexico Senator is Without Result

SANTA FE, N. M., March 19.—The first ballot for two United States senators resulted in a deadlock. There was no election of senators today.

The trap set by the republican state central committee last night through which were arrested four members of the house, charged with accepting bribes to vote for certain senatorial candidates today was declared by the accused men to have been set by themselves to catch the "higher ups."

"After a night in jail the accused men assumed a defiant attitude today. Their resignations, prepared last night, were presented to the house by State Chairman V. Jaramilla. A communication from the prisoners also was presented to the house asserting that their resignations had been secured through coercion and that they would withdraw them and demand a thorough investigation members demanded every approach as they waited for a survey of the surroundings by daylight before undertaking to close in. In the meantime a messenger had been sent to the night city twelve miles away, calling for volunteers to aid in storming the position of the fugitives.

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OUTLAWS ARE SURROUNDED

Mountaineers Who Killed Court Officers Located by Detectives.

FIGHT MOMENTARILY EXPECTED

Band is Said to Be Entrenched on Squirrel's Spur, Near Virginia Line, Twelve Miles from Mount Airy, N. C.

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 19.—An assault on the heights of Squirrel's Spur in the Blue Ridge mountains, where Sida Allen and a party of his gang now are believed to be entrenched, was planned early today by a posse of forty detectives reinforced by citizen volunteers, according to reports reaching here through Mount Airy, N. C. Confident that they had located the outlaws, the detectives stretched a sordon around the base of Squirrel's Spur late last night and guarded every approach as they waited for a survey of the surroundings by daylight before undertaking to close in. In the meantime a messenger had been sent to the night city twelve miles away, calling for volunteers to aid in storming the position of the fugitives.

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J. J. Burns, Veteran Railroader, is Dead

DENVER, March 19.—John J. Burns, for many years connected with the Denver & Rio Grande railroad here and in Pueblo, died today at a local hotel from paralysis. He was 89 years old. When Mr. Burns retired from the railroad service twelve years ago he was superintendent of motive power and transportation. For several years he was a land dealer in Amarillo, Tex. He leaves a widow and a daughter, Mrs. Gerome Elwell, both living in Chicago.

BURLINGTON BLACK HILLS LINE TIED UP BY WATER

ALLIANCE, Neb., March 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Owing to the fast melting snow, the Cheyenne river is flooded and a washout fifty feet long is reported two miles west of Edgemont on the Burlington road. Train No. 44 will be six hours late. Train No. 42 is behind the washout. Gangs of men and pliers are being rushed to the scene. Burlington officials here think they will control the situation tonight unless the water rises materially.

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Mutt and Jeff Picture

It Will Make you Laugh

South Dakota Builders to Meet.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Preparations have been made for the State Builders' meeting, which is to begin here tomorrow and continue until Thursday night. Governors A. O. Eberhart of Minnesota, R. S. Vessey of South Dakota and John Burke of North Dakota will speak.