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FOR REGIM TARIFF WAR FOR COLONIES' BELIEF

President Mitchell Fires His Last Shot in the Strike by Calling a Meeting of American Coal Miners to Take Place July 17.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 18.—The long expected call for a special national convention of United Mine Workers of America was issued today by National President Mitchell, at strike headquarters, to be held at Indianapolis on July 17.

The convention will be held to discuss the advisability of involving all the soft coal miners in the United States in the present anthracite coal strike.

There are approximately 450,000 coal miners in the United States. Of these about 350,000, Mr. Mitchell says, are affiliated with the union, and an additional 50,000 comply with the constitution of the miners' organization.

The anthracite field's delegates will go into the convention backed by a general strike.

Delegates from Michigan will be instructed likewise. Central Pennsylvania will send some delegates who will want a general strike, as will also Kentucky. But Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana will object to this, as it is unofficially understood that the miners in those sections are not very enthusiastic over a general strike.

The great barrier to a national suspension is the yearly wage scale agreement, which many of the soft coal miners have with the companies. These agreements are looked upon as contracts, and a large percentage of

Will Meet the Street Railway Officials To-day Thoroughly Imbued with the Firm Demands of the Employees After Deliberating With Them Till Two o'Clock This Morning.

Fifteen hours of almost continuous negotiations have failed to afford a solution of the Street Railway employees' troubles. The committee of the men, the Board of Trade delegation and the company representatives, apparently, are unable to reach a settlement satisfactory to all interests concerned.

The situation is a very unpropitious one and out of it any kind of developing might grow, without occasioning any surprise. While the Board of Trade delegates continue to "hope" for the best, there is apparently little reason for anticipating a settlement in a peaceful way to-day nor even to-morrow, and, in their present status, the negotiations might continue indefinitely, if the men did not terminate them suddenly with a strike.

In the light of everything that occurred Wednesday afternoon and night the most sanguine sympathizers of the men are hardly eager to assert that they may not yet be forced to resort to severe measures to effect a settlement.

Official Statement.
 At the conclusion of a conference with the Street Railway Men's Company, lasting until 2 o'clock this morning, the Board of Trade delegates requested the press to make the following statement:

The committee representing the Railway Company Employees and the Board of Trade held a lengthy session and thoroughly considered the report of the men of their meeting with the officers of the Toronto Railway Company. The Board of Trade delegates are to have a conference this morning with the officers of the Toronto Railway Company, with the hope of reaching a basis which the men can feel justified in recommending to the meeting of the Board of Trade delegates. The Board of Trade Committee hope this settlement will be arrived at today.

The situation is a most unusual one, and the persons interested directly in the all-night conference were so apparently well satisfied that little importance would develop from the further conference this morning that members of the committees freely expressed the idea that no mass meeting for Thursday night would be possible, and that no meeting of the men would be necessary before Friday night, at the earliest possible moment.

Busy Day for All.
 It was a busy day for the committee of the men representing the employees, and they were engaged in argument and debate with the street car people and the Board of Trade Committee until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. They were almost exhausted, but still determined to hold their ground. All those participating in the negotiations agreed to keep secret all details as to the progress of the day, and give out nothing further than the address issued by the Board of Trade. They adhered to this rigidly, and the men at the board's suggestion of the

Chancellor of the Exchequer Declares What the Policy of the British Government is Not—Colonial Conference Discussed in the Commons.

London, June 18.—In the House of Commons to-day, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replying to John Redmond, the Irish leader, announced that the tax on maize would be reduced by one-half.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer explained that the cutting of the duty on maize involved a loss of £300,000 (£1,500,000, in revenue. The effect of the duty on Ireland, however, and other considerations, justified the acceptance of the amendment, moved from the Irish benches. The duty on maize is now 1-2 (3 cents) per hundred weight.

When the House of Commons took up the consideration of the amended Finance Bill this afternoon, John Morley (Liberal) precipitated a long debate by moving to omit the clause imposing a tax on grain.

Sir Charles Dilke (Advanced Radical) and others of the opposition demanded a specific statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer in regard to the government's attitude at the coming conference of the colonial

THESE ELECTION APPEALS.

East Middlesex and Halton Cases Postponed Yesterday.

The East Middlesex and Halton election appeals, which were to have been heard yesterday at Osquode Hall by Judge Osler, were adjourned, as the counsel were not ready to go on. It is likely that the cases will come up again on Saturday afternoon. In East Middlesex, A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., is acting for the Liberals, and C. H. Ritchie, K.C., for the Conservatives. In Halton, E. P. B. Johnston, K.C., is for the Liberals, and J. W. Elliott, of Milton for the Conservatives. The appeal is in junior counsel for the Conservatives in both cases.

The Lennox appeal will be heard by Judge Macdonald Saturday. The South Bruce case is set down for Friday. Notice of appeal in Prince Edward County has been received, but no word has been heard from North Grey, also an appeal is certain.

MAN WITH A REVOLVER.

Visited the White House and Was Arrested Yesterday.

Washington, June 18.—Cary J. McAllister was arrested at the White House yesterday. He is armed with a revolver. He is J. C. McAllister, who lives with his parents at 45 Crawford-street, this city. He is a draughtsman and has been employed in an architect's office in New York. A year ago McAllister was overpowered by heat and sustained a partial stroke of paralysis. Mrs. McAllister, the young man's mother, said that her son believed he had been prevented from securing patent rights in an invention and had gone to Washington to appeal to the authorities.

KEMP ON THE WAR.

Says That at the Outset the Boers Numbered Only 50,000.

Kimberley, June 18.—Commandant Kemp, General Delarey's lieutenant, who surrendered at Mafeking June 11, has arrived here. In an interview to-day he gave some interesting figures regarding the war. He estimated that 50,000 Boers were in the field at the outset, and that only 1000 out of 5000 men available fought at Colenso, where the Boer losses were not heavy.

At Spion Kop, where the British suffered so much, the Boers had only 33 men killed. In one of the lights outside Ladysmith the Boers had men killed and some wounded. The Boers were heavier at Bransfontein and Vaalwater. The Boers were the winners at the battle of the Tugela river, but when entrenched they did not fear the British.

Members of the Boer forces often managed to get into Johannesburg, Kruger's port of refuge, and frequently crossed the blockhouse lines at night. Commandant Kemp did not allow the Boers to attempt to wear khaki, the British uniform.

STRIKES IN LONDON.

London, June 18.—(Telegram Cable)—Benjamin Cronyn, resident deputy supreme secretary of the I.O.F. in London for Britain, had a serious stroke of paralysis Friday. Mr. Cronyn was formerly located in London, Ont. He is a son of the late Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, first Bishop of Huron, and brother-in-law of both Edward Blake M.P., and Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C. A cable to the I.O.F. in Toronto announces that there is considerable improvement in Mr. Cronyn's condition.

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The Conservatives of Ward 6 Association spent a pleasant evening in Sampon's Hall last night. The hon. president, Charles Macdonell, was in the chair, and a series of bright speeches, interspersed with musical selections, were given. E. F. Clarke, M.P.; Thomas Crawford, M.L.A.-elect; J. W. St. John, M.L.A.-elect; William Clark, M.L.A.-elect; J. H. MacGhee, M.L.A.-elect; and J. E. Macdonell, M.L.A.-elect, were the speakers.

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KING MUST REST.

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