

## COAL BARONS REFUSE MINERS' PROPOSITION

**Make Counter Proposal, Offering to Leave to 1902 Strike Commission Whether There is Anything to Arbitrate in Regard to Wages or Grievances and Enter Into a Three Years' Agreement on Their Finding—Another Meeting Thursday.**

New York, April 10.—The anthracite operators at their conference with the mine workers here today declined the proposition to have the conciliation board arbitrate all grievances, submitted by the wage workers, and made a counter proposal that the commission appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902 be requested to decide whether any changes in conditions in the hard coal regions have occurred which require that the award of the commission should be modified.

The mine owners limit the inquiry to two grievances—wages and a method for the adjustment of complaints. The miners may give the operators an answer on Thursday, when another conference between the sub-committees will be held. In the meantime the miners' committee of thirty-six will hold sessions and agree on a reply.

In connection with today's conference George F. Baer, chairman of the mine owners sub-committee, made public a letter sent to the committee by the independent operators in which they give their views on the situation and express their firm conviction that any "agreement to arbitrate with the United Mine Workers will be an unjustifiable surrender to anarchy and mob violence."

The letter came as a great surprise to the miners and did not tend to bring the contending parties closer together.

**Still Hopeful.**

While miners and operators are still far apart, confidence is expressed on all sides that a peaceful settlement will be brought about. There is every indication that the counter arbitration plan will not be accepted by the miners as presented, although they view with favor the operators' selection of the anthracite strike commission. The old tribunal will be accepted by President Mitchell if he can induce the coal companies to widen the scope of the submission to be made.

The scale committee of the employees was in session tonight and while nothing was given out for publication, it is known that the sentiment of many, if not a majority of the committee, was for either amending the operators plan so far as it related to the questions to be taken up or for standing on their own arbitration offer with the strike commission substituted for the conciliation board. The endeavor of the operators to eliminate all the miners' grievances with the exception of those of wages and the adjustment of complaints, was a keen disappointment to the miners and if their attitude can be taken as an indication of their action, they will fight hard to have some of their other demands taken up, such as an eight

hour day, the weighing of coal and the check off.

If the scale committee cannot come to an agreement with the operators, it is not unlikely that a convention of miners will be called to further instruct the committee.

**Operators' Proposal.**

The meeting today was very brief. The answer of the operators follows in part: The anthracite coal commission of 1902 should be requested to reconvene and consider whether any circumstances have arisen since April 1, 1903, which would justify a modification of its award of that date, in respect only to the following subjects:

- (1) Wages.
- (2) Constitution of board of conciliation.

And new award of the commission shall be binding for a period of three years. The paragraph in the proposal to the effect that any party desiring shall present his claim in writing to the commission is believed to have been inserted by the operators so that non-union mine workers may go before the commission and present complaints as they did during the sessions of the strike commission in 1903.

After the proposal had been read, President Mitchell asked whether under the plan the anthracite operators would have the privilege of asking the commission to reduce present wages and he was informed by one of the coal presidents that they had. In reply to another question he was told that if the operators' plan is accepted, the first offer of the commission would be to reduce wages for three years the award of the strike commission would fall. To those answers Mr. Mitchell made no comment.

## THIRTY-FIVE SEEK ELECTION

**Only Three Aldermen Go in to the Council Unopposed**

**NOMINATION DAY BRINGS ONE NEW MAN**

**S. S. deForest Opposes Ald. Vanwart in Dukes—R. R. Patchell Retires from the Race "at Large"—Incidents of Nomination Proceedings.**

Thirty-five nomination papers of aspirants to civic honors were in the hands of the common clerk when the time limit expired at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The only unforeseen event was the nomination of S. S. deForest for Dukes ward in opposition to Ald. Vanwart and the withdrawal of R. R. Patchell from the list of eight candidates for aldermen-at-large. Two aldermen elected by acclamation—Ald. McDoldrick in Stanley and Bullock in Queens, while Dr. W. A. Christie, a new man goes in unopposed as Wellington ward's representative.

There was considerable stir around city hall in the morning and nomination papers were coming in thick and fast. At 3 p. m. the list of absentees from the published list were Edward Sears, H. L. McGowan and R. R. Patchell and a minute or two after that hour Mr. Sears arrived on the scene and handed in his paper. There was much talk among the voters as to whether a nomination for S. S. deForest would materialize at the last minute but all doubts were set at rest about 3.30 when James H. Dwyer appeared with the document which was duly filed.

At 3.45 H. L. McGowan went through the necessary formalities and when the common clerk declared the nomination closed there were thirty-five names to place before the electors to fill the sixteen seats.

Several aldermen who are meeting with opposition showed considerable interest in the names attached to their rivals' nomination papers, and it may be that a strict canvass of the backsliders may follow during the next few days in the hopes of their conversion.

**Those Nominated.**

The list of those who filed nominations this morning is as follows:

**MAYOR.**

John H. McRobbie, by Fred C. Colwell, H. P. Robertson, Amos A. Wilson, Thos. F. White, Edw. F. Greany, John McManus and others.

Ald. James H. Frank, by James Reynolds, E. Peters, Geo. W. Ketchum, John P. McIntyre, W. W. White, F. E. Holman and others.

Edward Sears, by T. Gilbert, S. C. Gilbride, Samuel Crothers, C. D. Jones, L. L. Sharpe, S. Hart Green, James Patterson, John McAlvay and others.

**ALDERMEN AT LARGE.**

John M. Smith, by Geo. W. Hoben, Joseph Rudolph, F. A. Young, P. F. Tighe, Chas. S. Phelps, Mayes Case, M. D.

D. B. Lockhart, by—Chas. E. Byles, James Carleton, Andre Lockhart, Hiram Case, Wm. Smith, John Haslam and others.

James Hunter, by—F. E. Williams, A. Isaac, A. H. Stanton, J. Johnston, A. J. Charlton, James Walker, M. D. and others.

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The meeting discussed the introducing of manual training and it was agreed that the chairman call a special meeting to consider the subject. In the meantime he will correspond with Dr. Inch, superintendent of education, with a view of having T. B. Kiefer, manual training expert, attend, and the members will inform themselves on the subject as far as possible.

Communications were received from James Johnston, janitor of the Aberdeen school; Isaac Mercer, janitor of Victoria annex; Mrs. Mary Walsh, janitor of St. Malachi's, asking for increase of salaries. All were referred to the buildings committee. A bill for seventy-eight nights' attendance was received from F. S. Hill, janitor of the night school. On motion of Trustee Russell it was agreed to pay him 50 cents a night, the same as last year.

A bill was submitted to the board by the Brookville and Coldbrook schools for city pupils who attended those schools during the session of 1905. The total was \$79.92 and it was ordered paid.

**Fire Drill.**

After reports of the inspection of the high school and Victoria school buildings had been read, a discussion on the subject of fire drills took place. Mrs. Skinner reported that a pupil attending La Four school had told her there had been no fire drill in the building for two months. She thought it most important that the drill take place once a month.

Dr. Bridges in reply said the reason there was no fire drill in the winter term was because they did not like to turn the pupils out of doors in the cold weather. Fire drill will be held every month till November, he said. He thought this was often enough. At this point the discussion dropped.

It was agreed that the schools should close this year on June 22 to give the teachers an opportunity to attend the provincial institute at Charlottetown June 27, 28 and 29. The schools will be open two Saturdays to make up for the time.

**The Matter of Manual Training.**

The subject of manual training was then taken up and a very interesting discussion on the value of the present school curriculum to the pupils followed. Trustee Lockhart asked if it would not be possible to arrange so that there would be an option, those who wished to take an arts course, to go to the higher branches and those who meant to engage in mercantile or mechanical pursuits taking either the manual training or commercial course. It was pointed out that this would have to be done.

The chairman thought the curriculum was as far as grade 8 ought to remain as it is.

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Dr. Bridges replied that the average number of pupils in each school was 50. He thought, also, that in the event of a commercial course being introduced a handwriting expert would have to be engaged. It was desired to touch the subject as it ought to be taught, as there were not above three or four on the present staff who were competent.

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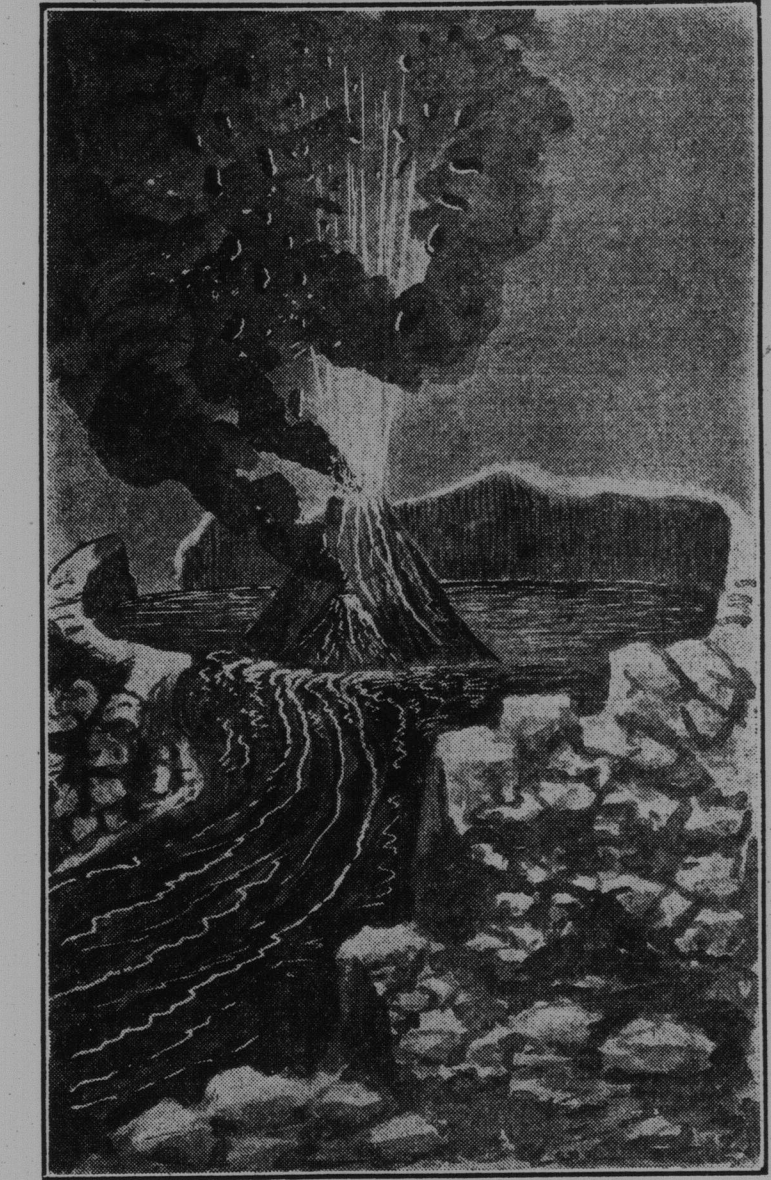
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## VESUVIUS STILL DEALING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

**Five Hundred More Victims Reported from One District—Buildings Crumble Under the Weight of Ashes Burying the Terror-stricken People, and Many More Likely to Collapse—Heart-rending Scenes—Work of Succor and Rescue Greatly Hampered by Impassable Roads.**



**THE CRATER OF VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION**

Naples, April 10.—The volcano is resuming activity, especially at Cercola. The stream of lava which started early in the direction of Torre Annunziata and reached the cemetery of that town and then turned in the direction of Pompeii.

The troops are conveying provisions, surgical accessories and material to be used for the relief of the injured in the vicinity of Ottaviano. The work of rescue is being actively prosecuted. A violent storm of sulphurous rain occurred today at San Giuseppe, Vesuviana and Savona.

Naples, April 10.—When morning broke today the outlook was promising for an amelioration of the conditions consequent upon the activity of Mount Vesuvius. The hopefulness of the population, however, was short lived, and the "Xenopolitana" of the ruins were most agonizing, relatives of the victims clamoring to be allowed to go to their dead or dying. Only by the firm intervention of the police and carabinieri was it possible to keep back the crowd from overwhelming those who were engaged in the work of rescue.

While early in the day the volcanic activity of Mount Vesuvius appeared to have diminished, as night approached the prospect of immediate relief faded and the scene of the stricken towns around the volcano seemed more and more gloomy. Instead of decreasing, the fall of sand and ash continued from the crater increased. Even with the sun shining high in the heavens the light was a dim yellow, in the midst of which the few people remained in the stricken towns, their clothing, hair and beards covered with ash, moved about in the awful stillness of desolation like ghosts in a dream.

The case of Torre Del Greco is typical. For thirty hours the place has been practically deserted, but amid the ruins and a semi-darkness, thousands of people are still struggling for existence. A few of the inhabitants go about hungry, with throats parched with smoke and dust, and in the towns and villages nearest the volcano.

Director Mattioli, who continues at his post in the observatory, telegraphed tonight that the volcano was generally calm last night with occasional sharp explosions, these becoming more violent towards morning. Director Mattioli says his seismic instruments indicate great subterranean agitation.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena have forwarded to Premier Sonnino, who is here, \$20,000, to be applied towards the relief of the sufferers by the volcano.

The prefect has removed the mayor of San Giuseppe from office because in the face of danger he left his village without informing his superiors.

Cardinal Prisco, Archbishop of Naples, who today visited the people wounded by the fall of the Mount Vesuvius market, brought to those unfortunate the benediction of the Pope.

The Duchess of Aosta was today a veritable angel of mercy to the sufferers by the market house disaster. She spent the entire day at the hospital comforting the bereaved and assisting the wounded. As the Duchess bent over a cot to give a cooling drink to a child who was burned and battered from head to foot she felt

## THE MOST POPULAR HYMNS

**Anglican Women's Auxiliary Votes on the Subject—Test of Opinion Taken in Thirteen Dioceses of Canada.**

In addition to the vote taken among clergymen and laymen as to the most popular hymns in preparing the new Book of Common Prayer for the Church of England in Canada, a vote was also taken among the women of the church, who will also have much to say in determining the success and acceptance of the new book.

James Edmund Jones, convenor of the committee of compilation, has received from Mrs. Patterson Hall, of Montreal, secretary for Canada of the women's auxiliary, a tabulated report of the plebiscite taken in thirteen dioceses. The work has been most thoroughly and promptly done, and the returns are most interesting and indicate a tremendous interest in the undertaking. The following hymns head the list in the order given:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, The Church's One Foundation, Jesus, Lover of My Soul, O Come, All Ye Faithful, How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, All People That on Earth Do Dwell, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, On God Our Help in Ages Past, Nearer My God to Thee, Sun of My Soul, Rock of Ages, Lead Kindly Light, Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name We Praise.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save, Come Ye Thankful People, The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended, Abide With Me, For All the Saints, We Plough the Fields and Scatter, The Strife is Over, Lord, in This Hour, Merciful Day, And Now O Father, Mindful of the Love, Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Our Best and Only Comfort, Lo! He Comes in Clouds, O Jesus, I Promised, Fight the Good Fight, Art Thou Weary, I Am Not Weary, Sweet Saviour Bless Us Ere We Go, From Greenland's Icy Mountains, Hark My Soul, it is the Lord, Just as I Am, Devotee in One and One in Three, Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow, All Hail the Power, Jesus Shall Reign, Hark, Hark My Soul, Peace, Perfect Peace, Forever With the Lord, Now the Day is over, There is a Green Hill Far Away, My God, My Father While I Stray, The King of Love My Shepherd Is, At Eventide Thy Mercy Shall Lead Me, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, My God and Thy Table Spread, We Love the Place, Lord, On the Resurrection Morning, A Few More Years Shall Roll, We Are But Little Children Weak, Praise, O Praise, Our God and King, Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord, Glory to Thee My God This Night, Now the Laborer's Task is Over, Lord, Her Watch, Thy Church is Keeping, Father of Heaven Whose Love Profound, Diver Night and Take the Body of Your Lord, Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed, The Sower Went Forth Sowing, Jerusalem, the Golden City, Now the Thirty Years' Agreement, Forty Days and Forty Nights, Ride on, Ride on in Majesty, All Glory, Laud and Honor.

## THE RESCUE OF JEREMIAH SULLIVAN

A Brookville correspondent writes, in connection with the rescue of Jeremiah Sullivan from drowning in the Kennebec river Sunday last that John Seigrist, a station agent at Brookville, had much to do with saving Mr. Sullivan's life. The correspondent writes that Mr. Seigrist tied a rope around himself and crept out on the pier till he reached the place where the man was in the water, caught him by one hand while he was sinking, held him up, and slipped a rope around his body, tying the knot with his teeth and free hand. Then the man on shore, the letter adds, pulled both to the shore.

Diver Lilley reports that two or three of the bottom timbers on the north side of the Carleton ferry have fallen out. The turning of the Ladies' propeller was the cause of the trouble, as it made a hole under the timbers.

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**PRINCE.**

Ald. James Sprout nominated by—John A. Owens, Thomas Kelley, James Carleton, A. G. Balesley, and C. L. Corey.

**SYDNEY.**

Ald. William Lewis, by—James Doyle, W. A. Barnes, B. C. Waring, and R. G. Haley.

Ald. John W. Vanwart nominated by—H. J. Dick, F. R. Patterson, Clarence H. Ferguson, S. L. Kerr, A. D. Smith, A. E. Hamilton and others.

**DUKE.**

Ald. Joseph B. Hamlin nominated by—W. S. Barlow, John P. McIntyre, W. deForest, E. W. Elliott, and D. H. Short.

**QUEEN.**

Ald. George W. Hoben, by—B. Vanwart, Sylvester Vanwart, J. N. Smith, W. S. Cody, and Capt. G. H. Perry.

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