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Thomas Stone & Son THE GREAT COAL STRIKE

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20 pieces of fine flannelette embroideries in shades of cream, white, sky, pink and cardinal, embroidered with cotton and silk, all desirable widths, on sale

25 per cent. less than regular value

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The new idea in fancy thread work in 5 o'clock covers, tray cloths, centre pieces and d'oyles. A big purchase of agent's surplus stock enables us to put these on sale at

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Thomas Stone & Son Importers.

IS NOW SAFELY OVER

Miners in Convention Decided to Return to Work To-day-A Long, Hard Struggle of Five Months at an end-Many Thousands Will be out of Work for a Long Time and Must be Helped.

shout that fairly shook the convention building the representatives of the 147,000 mine workers who have been on strike since last May, officially declared off at noon to-day the greatest contest ever waged between capital and labor, and placed all the questions involved in the struggle into the hands of the arbitration com-

When the news was flashed to the towns and villages down in the valleys and on the mountains of the coal regions the strike-affected inhabitants heaved a sigh of relief. Many days have gone by since more welcome news was received. Everywhere there was rejoicing and in many places the end of the strike was the signal for impromptu town celebrations. The anthracite coal region, from its largest city, Scranton, down to the low-liest coal patch, has suffered by the conflict, and everyone looks for better

times.

While the large army of mine workers and their families, numbering ap-Of Brussels proximately a half a million persons, are grateful that work is to be resumed on Thursday the strikers have still to learn what their reward will be, President Roosevelt having taken prompt action in calling the arbitra-tors together for their first meeting on Friday, the miners hope they will know by Thanksgiving day what prac-

tical gain they have made.

The vote to resume coal mining was unanimous one, and was reached only after a warm debate. The principal objection to accepting the arbi-tration provision was that no provision was contained in the scheme to take care of those men who would fail to get back their old positions, or would be unable to get any work at all. The engineers and pumpmen get better pay than other classes of mine workers and they did not wish to run the risk of losing altogether their old places and be compelled to dig coal for a living. This question came up vesterday and was argued right up to the time the vote was taken. No one had a definite plan to offer to overcome the objection and the report of the committee on resolutions recommending that the strike be declared off and that all issues be placed in the hands of the arbitration com-

mission for decision, was adopted without the question being settled. A few moments before adjournment however, a partial solution was reached when a delegate in the farthest corner of the hall moved that the problem be placed in the hands of the three exexecutive boards for solution and his suggestion was adopted. The principal speech of the day was made by National Secretary-Treasurer W. Wilson, who practically spoke for President Mitchell and the national organization. In a strong argument he counseled the men to accept arbitration, the very plan the strikers themselves had offered, return to work and trust to the President's tribunal to do them justice.

HARD PROBLEM OF UNION. The question of taking care of all men who will fail to get work will be a serious one for the union. There is no doubt the executive boards will take care of the engineers, firemen and pumpmen, but there will be thousands of other classes of mine workers who will have to be looked after. In some places hundreds will not beable to get work for weeks, and in other localities where the mines are in very bad condition there will be no employment for many workmen for some months. Now that the strike is over the volume of relief money will decrease and the local unions will be compelled to call upon the national organization for assistance when the money now on hand runs out. With the close of the great conflict will also end in a few days, probably with the passing of this week, the assessment now being levied on all bituminous mine workers affiliated with the union. The officials who care to talk of the situation feel confident that the national body will come to the assistance and help all those who stood

during the suspension. Hundreds of men, needed to repair the mines and otherwise place them in condition for operation, will be at work to-morrow morning, the convention having decided that this was imperative in order to get the men at work quickly and satisfy the country's demand for coal. All the locals will hold meetings to-morrow, at which in-structions will be given the members regarding their application for work. indicatte that there will be some fric-tion in some of the local organizations over many little questions which nen returning to the mines.

MITCHELL CONGRATULATED. President Mitchell received many congratulatory telegrams from all over the country after the news spread that the strike was ended. On his return to headquarters he was on the action of the convention, and in reply he said: "I aim well pleased with the action of the anthrepite coal work-ers in deciding to submit the issues which culminated in the strike to the

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 21 .- With | commission selected by the president of the United States.

"The strike itself has demonstrated the power and dignity of labor .Conservative, intelligent trade unionism has received an impetus, the effect of which cannot be measured. I earnestly hope and firmly believe that both labor and capital have learned lessons from the miners' strike which will enable them to adopt peaceful, hu-mane and business methods of adjustng wage differences in the future."

After Mr Mitchell had notified President Roosevelt of the action of the convention and had received a reply to the effect that the commission would meet in Washington on Friday, he sent out the official announcement through the press to the strikers that the strike was off. It was addressed to all miners and mine workers in the anthracite region and was as follows: "You are hereby officially notified that it was unanimously decided today by the delegates attending the special convention that all mine workers should report for work on Thursday morning ,Oct. 23, and that the issues which culminated in the strike should be referred for adjustment to the commission appointed by

the President of the United States. "We are authorized by the executive officers of districts 1, 7 and 9 to caution all those who resume work to exercise more than usual care in order that accidents to life and limb may be averted. Owing to the condition of the mines after an idleness of five months, there will be great danger when work is resumed. We are prompted to offer this advice by the fact that at the close of the strike two years ago many more accidents and deaths occurred than take place when the mines are operating regu-

"JOHN MITCHELL, 'President United Mine Workers' of

"W. B. WILSON, 'Secretary-Treasurer.' Mr. Mitchell has not made any remarks regarding his future movements. He does not know whether he will go to Washington on Friday. The miners' leader will act as the attorney for the men at all sessions of the sion, and will have with him several assistants. Headquarters here will be kept open probably until after the award of the commission is an-

All the delegates who attended the convention have left the city for their homes and strike headquarters presented a deserted appearance to-night. Reports from the small towns in the outlying regions are to the effect that celebrations of all kinds were held tonight. Some of the larger towns will celebrate the ending of the strike to-The greatest celebration, morrow. however, will be reserved for Oct. 29 -John Mitchell day. That dauy will mark the second anniversary of the ending of the big strike of 100 , when he men won a ten percent increase. The anniversary was observed last year with considerable enthusiasm and the day this year will probably be more generally observed. President Mitchell has more than a half dozen invitations to speak at various places but he will not accept any until he learns whether the arbitration com-

mission needs his presence.

A few engineers, firemen, pump runners, machinists and some other men not directly engaged in mining coal, have already applied to the superintendents of collieries in this region for reinstatement, but were refused. The superintendent in most cases informed the men that they will retain their present employes. The total number of men who have asked for work in this region is not known but it is not believed to be large. The miners and mine laborers will have little trouble in getting employment in the Wvom-STORY OF CONVENTION

Wilkesbarre, Pa., October 21. -When the delegates assembled to-day storer.

future generations in the coal fields than the present; and anyhow it would put before the public the whole situation in detail as between the miners and operators, in a fair and

thorough way.

The early part of the day was devoted to the discussing of the prob-lem of what would be done with the men who could not obtain work, and how many, if any, would be forced to remain idle. This problem was a rock on which the convention nearly broke from time to time and it was only by the greatest effort and by much diplomacy that all factions were kept in

During a temporary recess the com-mittee on resolutions arrived and the convention being called to order the following report was submitted:

"We, the committee on resolutions, beg leave to recommend that the following communication be adopted and forwarded to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of

"'Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 21.-Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Washington, D.

of the employes of the various coal companies engaged in operating mines in the anthracite coal fields of Pennhave considered your telegram of Oct. 15, 1902, addressed to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, which reads as follows:

"I have appointed as commissioners Brig.-Gen. Jno. H. Wilson, E. W. Parker, Judge George Gray, E. E. Clark, Thomas H. Watkins, Bishop J. L. Spalding, with Carroll D. Wright as by the operators and I now earnestly ask and urge that the miffers likewise accept this commission. It is a matter of vital concern to all our people, and especially to those in our great cities, of coal should be resumed without a

moment's unnecessary delay."
"'We have decided to accept the proposition therein embodied and sub-mit all questions at issue between the operators and mine workers of the anthracite coal region for adjustment to the commission which you have

"In pursuance of that decision we shall report for work on Thursday morning, Oct. 23, in the positions and inauguration of the 'We have authorized John Mitchell resident of the United Mine Workers

of America, with such assistance as he Continued on Eighth Page.

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