

THE COAL BARONS IN CONFERENCE

Meet in President Baer's Office
in New York.

NO CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE

Markle, After Meeting With Morgan, Says Their Position Is Unchanged.

New York, Sept. 17.—A conference of the leading anthracite coal interests was held this afternoon at the Philadelphia and Reading Company's offices. Those present included President Baer, of the Reading Road; President Truett, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; President Fowler, of the New York, Ontario and Western; President Williams, of the Lehigh Valley; President Olyphant, of the Delaware and Hudson; Irving Stearns, of Coke Bros. & Co., and John Markle, of G. H. Markle & Co. The two last named representing the independent operating interests in the hard coal industry.

The precise subjects of the conference could not be learned, but it was stated in advance of the meeting that no concessions would be granted, and that recent anti-trust legislation character would not be seriously considered.

NO CONCESSIONS.

Following a meeting with J. P. Morgan, John Markle made this statement:

"I do not think it necessary to repeat that all talk of concessions on the part of the operators is foolish, and certainly not to be considered. Our position now is the same as when Mitchell made his original proposition, and no different than when the strike began."

"We said then that we would make no concessions and we repeat it now. There is just one way to end the strike—by the men returning to work, and every day they remain away by giving willing ear to Mitchell's specious promises will only entail further loss and suffering to them. Conditions are improving daily; more men are returning to work and more coal is being mined."

"So far as recent attempts at settlement are concerned, it is only necessary to add that every effort from Senator Hanna's down has been futile. We have no objection to our position and will maintain it."

GOMPERS' STATEMENT.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 17.—When the conference between Samuel Gompers and President Mitchell adjourned for dinner yesterday, Mr. Gompers was the only one who would talk of the deliberations. He said the strike situation was discussed in all its phases; the finances were found to be in good condition; the relief funds were coming in promptly and there was no reason why the strike should not be kept up without inflicting any hardship on the strikers. He was asked whether it was proposed to levy an extra assessment in order to help the miners. He declined to answer the question. He also refused to say whether the American Federation of Labor will be convened in extra session to take action on the strike.

COST OF THE COAL STRIKE.

New York, Sept. 17.—At the end of the eighteenth week of the coal strike the estimated losses are as follows:

Loss to operators in price of coal \$4,200,000

Loss to strikers in wages 34,000,000

Loss to employees other than strikers 5,300,000

Loss to railroads 10,000,000

Loss to business men in the region 13,500,000

Loss to business men outside region 8,200,000

Cost of maintaining coal and iron police 1,000,000

Cost of maintaining non-union work forces 450,000

Cost of keeping troops in field 275,000

Damage to mines and machinery 6,500,000

Total \$112,425,000

Pension Came Too Late.

Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 16.—For many years John Long, a farmer living near here and a prominent G. A. R. man had tried to get a pension. Finally he gave up all hope. Last Thursday Mr. Long died at his home, and the first route delivery Friday morning brought him his pension of \$12 per month and back pay for many years.

FREE TO MILLIONS

A Valuable Little Book Sent Free for the Asking.

Medical books are not always interesting reading, especially to people enjoying good health, but as a matter of fact scarcely one person in ten is perfectly healthy, and even with such, sooner or later sickness must come.

It is also a well-established truth that nine-tenths of all diseases originate with a breaking-down of the digestion, a weak stomach weakens the entire system, making it easy for disease to gain a foothold.

Nobody need fear consumption, kidney disease, liver trouble, dyspepsia, heart, and nervous system, as long as the digestion is good and the stomach able to assimilate plenty of wholesome food.

Stomach weakness shows itself in a score of ways and this little book describes the symptoms and causes and points the way to a cure so simple that anyone can understand and apply.

Thousands have some form of stomach trouble and do not know it. They ascribe the headache, the languor, nervousness, insomnia, palpitation, constipation and similar symptoms to some other cause than the true one. Get your digestion on the right track and the heart trouble, lung trouble, liver disease or nervous debility will rapidly disappear.

This little book treats entirely on the cause and removal of indigestion and its accompanying annoyances.

It describes the symptoms of Acid Dyspepsia, Nervous Dyspepsia, Slow Dyspepsia, Amylaseous Dyspepsia, Catarrh of Stomach and all affections of the digestive organs in plain language easily understood and the cause removed.

It gives valuable suggestions as to diet, and contains a table giving length of time required to digest various articles of food, something every person with weak digestion should know.

No price is asked, but simply send your name and address plainly written on postal card to the E. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., requesting a little book on Stomach Diseases, and it will be sent promptly by return mail.

A BOODLE ROMANCE

Man Takes the Place of His Friend in Jail at St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 17.—A Damon and Pythias friendship developed in the boodle scandals here on Monday.

Charles A. Gutke, one of the five former members of the house of delegates, confined in the city jail on charges of bribery and perjury, was informed of the death of his 11-year-old son, who had been sick for some time. The father broke down and wept at the news.

When informed of the boy's death, a friend, Delegate Edmund Bersch, out on bonds aggregating \$45,000, volunteered to go to jail in place of Gutke for a few days, that the latter might be at home until after the funeral of his son. Judge Douglas gave his consent.

Gutke was released and went home, sobbing like a child.

HACKED WITH A CELAVER

Drink-Crazed Pole Attacks His Wife and Daughter.

The Girl Nearly Killed—Capture of the Assailant.

Detroit, Sept. 17.—In a drunken frenzy, Ernest Mansfield, a Polish painter, aged 33, on Monday night attempted to murder his whole family with a meat cleaver at his little home, Canfield avenue east. His 14-year-old daughter Mary, the first attacked, he hacked four times about the head and shoulders with the terrible weapon, and she is now at Harper Hospital in a serious condition. The madman's wife was rescued just in time to escape death.

Pursued by her husband after his attack on the little girl the mother ran into the front yard. Just as she was about to open the gate the would-be murderer reached her. He struck her a blow on the shoulder with the weapon that cut through her clothes and felled her bleeding to the ground.

A neighbor, Leo Furst, reached Mansfield just in time to prevent him from committing murder.

Mansfield then took to his heels, but was later arrested and is now held on a charge of attempted murder.

LITTLE BENNIE'S STORY.

Bennie, the little 10-year-old son of the murderous parent, escaped injury by hiding. The little fellow, still trembling from terror, told in his childish way the story of the drunken frenzy of his father.

"Pa came home," said he, "just before I was going to bed at 9 o'clock. He was awful cross and he said to me and Mary that he was going to kill them and me, and after he killed us he was going to kill the priest."

"He was awful cross and he said he didn't care how small I was he'd kill me, too. I was afraid and I cried. I wanted to run away, but I didn't dare."

"Then pa went out into the woodshed and ma looked out and she came back and told us that he was sharpening the cleaver that we cut meat with."

"Ma didn't think he would hurt us and Mary didn't either, but he said he was going to kill me, and I was so scared that I ran out doors and hid behind the back fence."

True to his word, when sharpening the cleaver, Mansfield came back into the house and proceeded to carry out his murderous intentions.

He started for his wife first, but the daughter attempted to reason with her parent, and was assailed first by the frenzied man. She tried to run, but was struck repeatedly, and fell unconscious to the floor.

Thinking he had killed the child, Mansfield went for the mother, and but for the arrival of help would no doubt have killed the woman.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. Arthur W. Descon, formerly of Stratford, has been transferred from the Tara branch of the Merchants' Bank to the London branch.

William Siddals, who pleaded guilty at Chatham to the three counts against him for burglary, has been sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary.

Percy Murray, of Ingersoll, has accepted a position on the staff of the Merchants' Bank, and Mr. Adams has been promoted to the ledger-keeper's desk.

Mrs. Laurent Beaulieu, 56 years of age, of Amherstburg, died yesterday morning of bronchitis at the home of her son, Mr. McLean, 3 Windsor avenue.

Odette & Wherry, of Windsor, are making arrangements to run a daily steamboat service between Windsor and Amherstburg to carry both passengers and freight. The steamer Winona, of Port Stanley, has been engaged. The first trip will be made on Saturday next.

The following transfers of bank clerks have been made in Essex County: Mr. Todd, formerly of the Merchants' Bank at Bothwell, has been removed to Windsor. He is succeeded at Bothwell by K. M. Taylor, of Perth. R. P. Howden, of the Western Bank, Tilsonburg, has been transferred to Whitby.

John J. Loney, 16 years old, while attempting to slide a heavy case of staves down a steep bank, lost his footing and fell to the bottom. The case of staves followed and struck the boy, breaking his thigh bone and causing other injuries. Dr. Samson attended him.

Montreal Herald: Mr. Lionel Jodah, of the Montreal Herald, has returned to Montreal from Berlin, Ont., where he has spent several months. Mr. Jodah has been undergoing a course of treatment for stammering under Dr. W. J. Amott, of Berlin, who has been successful in this case, and an absolute cure has been effected.

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NEW BATTERIES AT KINGSTON, JA.

Britain Strengthens Her West India Stations.

VICTORIA'S CRISIS CONTINUES

Martial Law in Cape Colony Repealed—French Minister of Marine Makes a Fiery Speech.

London, Sept. 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kingston, Jamaica, says the construction of a new battery of 6-inch guns has been commenced at the eastern extremity of the harbor there. This forms part of the general scheme for strengthening the British naval station at Port Royal in anticipation of the completion of the Panama canal. Another battery the dispatch says will be constructed on the Palisades sand spit.

The British authorities are exhibiting unusual activity in connection with fortifications in the West Indies, with the view to strengthening the strategic positions there against any eventualities consequent upon the construction of the Panama canal.

These efforts are not only confined to the improvement of the defenses on British islands, but include a careful inspection and analysis of the fortifications of other powers who have territory in the Caribbean Sea.

REPEALED MARTIAL LAW.

Cape Town, Sept. 17.—John Gordon, Sprigg, prime minister of the colony, officially announces the repeal of martial law and the proclamation of the peace preservation act, which enables the Government to control the possession, importation and registration of all arms and ammunition.

An order has been placed in England, says a Johannesburg correspondent, for 104 coaches, 33 engines and 250 steel coal trucks for Central South Africa.

PELEE IS QUIETER.

Martique, Sept. 17.—Growth from Mont Pelee are finally diminishing. The volcano is still in eruption, but its activity is now insignificant. All necessary measures to assist the sufferers have been taken by the Government.

The native population is calming down. It is the opinion of cool observers that Mont Pelee is in no way menaced, even if the dreaded tidal wave comes.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRISIS.

Melbourne, Victoria, Sept. 17.—Following the dissolution of the Victorian Parliament, in consequence of an adverse vote on the Government's schemes for retrenchment, Premier Irvine issued a manifesto appealing to the electors to prevent their own servants from paralyzing the administration. He said that in order to avoid a serious deficit, the Government decided on a graduated reduction of the salaries of public servants, and that thereupon the mass of the state employees became rebellious, a strike on the state railroads was openly organized and in consequence the pressure brought to bear on them by the malcontents, the assemblymen voted against the Government.

A FIERY FRENCHMAN.

Bizerta, Tunis, Sept. 16.—M. Pelletan, the French minister of marine, made a remarkable speech at an entertainment at Munich yesterday evening. After pointing out the importance of Bizerta as a bulwark of France, M. Pelletan proceeded: "We do not say we want to make the Mediterranean a French lake. We have been cured of the dreams of the great marsh who wished us to be the center of the world. But part of the Mediterranean is French, and will remain French. With this powerful rampart, so well situated for defense and also for attack, and with Corsica, Sicily, and Malta, we can hold the open door between the two halves of the Mediterranean, in spite of Malta and Gibraltar. Certainly I do not desire a conflict of peoples against England any more than that against Italy; but as we do not know what others are doing, it is part of our duty to prepare for the holy war, the French fatherland against its enemies, whoever they may be. I am convinced, thanks to the fellow-workers with whom I am surrounded, that we can face every eventually. Security hardly exists any more for the civilized world. At the end of the nineteenth century, after the defeat of France by the barbarism of old Germany, we saw an offensive return of the law of brute force, and the world seemed to be dominated by the maxim, 'might before right.' We must then devote all our efforts to keeping intact that focus of justice and light—French justice."

WILHELMINA OPENS PARLIAMENT.

Queen Wilhelmina opened the States General in person yesterday at The Hague. She appeared to have completely recovered from her illness. She was accompanied by her husband, Prince Henry, and the queen mother. The Queen's reference to foreign affairs in the speech from the throne was confined to the statement that the relations of the Netherlands with foreign powers continued very friendly.

TURNED ON THE PRETENDER.

Madrid, Sept. 17.—Senator Adelantado, the Carlist leader, who was recently

disowned by Don Carlos, has turned on the pretender to the Spanish throne, and in an open letter declares that everything he did with the view of organizing a Carlist uprising was authorized by Don Carlos, whose behavior is disgracing him after using him, Senor Adelantado, indignantly denounces.

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Flen Falls Trustees Annul Railroad Company's Franchise.

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Age 103 Years.

Guelph, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Smith, relict of the late George Smith, one of the pioneers of Eramosa, died here at the age of 103.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

The number of churches in Chicago, according to the city directory for 1902, is 668.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Washed out—that soon is the verdict where common soap is used in the laundry.

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