

# COMMITTEES CONFER

### Both Parties to the Anthracite Strike Getting Together.

## LATEST MOVE IN THEIR TROUBLES.

### One Faction Leaves For New York While the Other Puts Off For Washington City.

Scranton, Pa., Special.—The scenes of the strike settlement commission have been suddenly shifted from this city to Washington and New York. Tuesday the committee of nine of the independent operators held a conference with the presidents of the coal carrying roads regarding the position of the individual companies and at the same time a meeting between Wayne MacVeagh and other attorneys representing the coal roads and President Mitchell and his attorneys will be held in the national capital. Scranton and the entire coal regions will, in the meantime, wait with considerable interest to hear what the Thanksgiving offering will be. The New York conference has been known for 24 hours, though the Washington meeting was decided upon Monday evening. The independents have gone to New York to find out what the large companies can do for them in the way of freight rates, in case an increase in wages is decided upon. The mine workers' representatives went to Washington to find out what the large companies had to offer. Both ardently wish for success, but it was not within their province to say what the outcome will be. Although the miners' representatives did not know why they were summoned to Washington, they believe the companies have something to offer.

Wayne MacVeagh was in telegraphic communication at noon with Clarence S. Darrow, Mr. Mitchell's leading attorney, and later Mr. MacVeagh called him up on the long-distance telephone. Mr. MacVeagh said he wished a conference with Mr. Mitchell and himself, but as he was not feeling well, he desired that they all meet in Washington tomorrow instead of Scranton. Mr. Darrow said that Mr. MacVeagh did not tell him what he wanted the conference for, but he felt that Mr. MacVeagh would not summon them to the national capital if they were not clothed with authority to carry on negotiations. Mr. Mitchell's party left here at 4:35 p. m., and is due to arrive in Washington at 12:50 a. m.

The mission of the independent operators to New York is best expressed in a statement made to the Associated Press by one of the representatives of the small companies, who said: "If the independent companies are paying the miners as much now as they can afford, and if an increase in wages is granted by the large companies the large companies must give the independents a lower freight rate to meet the increase in wages. This is the mission of the committee, and if they refuse to make a concession in freight rates, or its equivalent, then it is probable the independent companies will insist on the whole matter being threshed out before the commission."

The outlook for a settlement remains hopeful, in fact more hopeful than ever. Conversations with attorneys of the coal operators and mine workers show that all are wearying of the strife and are willing to waive a point here and there in order to end the uncertainty of the situation and restore peace and harmony to the community and the coal trade generally. The "conciliation" or sub-committee, of Messrs. Parker, Watkins and Clark, was at the headquarters all day, but was not called upon to offer its conciliatory assistance to either side.

### Abandoned Schooner Sighted.

New Orleans, Special.—The British steamship Montezuma, Captain Troop, from Boston, November 10, reports: Nov. 11, 9 p. m., latitude 33:03, north, longitude 69:09, west, fell in with waterlogged and abandoned three-masted schooner Lucy A. Davis, of Portland, Me. Deck was awash with lumber on deck. Sent a boat in charge of chief officer aboard the schooner, but found no signs of life.

### Wilcox Case Moved.

Elizabeth City, Special.—After four days of careful investigation of the Wilcox sentiment as it exists in adjoining counties, Judge Fred Moore has ordered that the trial be carried to Hertford, Perquimans county. The judge said: "I find the people of Perquimans opposed to capital punishment. This will be in favor of the defendant." The opinion of the prisoner's family is adverse to the removal, they regret having asked it, knowing that bitter anti-Wilcox feeling now exists in Hertford. There are some who think the defense has made a grave error.

## METHODIST MINISTERS ASSIGNED.

### Conference at Monroe Closed With Reading of the Appointments—The Next Meeting at High Point.

The thirteenth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was held at Monroe, adjourned Monday night with the reading of the appointments for the conference year as follows:

**ASHEVILLE DISTRICT**—R. H. PARKER, P. E.  
Asheville—Central, F. Siler.  
Haywood Street, J. E. Gay.  
North Asheville, E. K. McLarty.  
Bethel, J. W. Moore.  
Weaverville station, A. W. Plyler.  
Weaverville circuit, L. B. Abernethy.  
Swannanoa circuit, G. W. Crutchfield.  
Cane Creek circuit, J. D. Gibson.  
Hendersonville circuit, to be supplied.  
Hendersonville station, W. M. Curtis.  
Ivey circuit, supplied by D. R. Proffitt.  
Bald Creek circuit, J. W. Campbell.  
Burnsville circuit, to be supplied.  
Marshall circuit, J. E. Ragan.  
Hot Springs circuit, T. R. Wolf.  
Old Ford circuit, to be supplied.

**CHARLOTTE DISTRICT**—J. C. ROWE, P. E.  
Charlotte—Tryon Street and Epworth, T. F. Marr and G. E. Evans.  
Trinity, G. H. Detwiler.  
Brevard, L. A. Falls.  
Calvary, A. R. Surratt.  
Chadwick, J. A. Baldwin.  
Hoskins, J. S. Hoskins.  
Dilworth, R. G. Tuttle.  
Ansonville, J. T. Stover.  
Clear Creek, E. G. Pusey.  
Derita, W. L. Nicholson.  
Lilesville, S. S. Gasque.  
Matthews, J. J. Havener.  
Monroe, M. A. Smith.  
Monroe circuit, W. V. Honecutt.  
Morven, M. T. Steele.  
Pineville, H. C. Sprinkle.  
Polkton, R. T. N. Stephenson.  
Wadesboro, D. M. Litaker.  
Waxhaw, G. E. Stacey.  
Weddington, M. H. Hoyle.

**FRANKLIN DISTRICT**—J. A. COOK, P. E.  
Andrews, J. A. Sronce.  
Bryson City and Nantahala, V. L. Marsh.  
Dillsboro, Sylva and Scott's Creek, T. C. Jordan.  
Franklin station, E. L. Bain.  
Franklin circuit, J. H. Moore.  
Glennville, J. J. Edwards.  
Hiwassee, A. G. Loftin.  
Haysville, C. P. Goode.  
Macon, J. C. Postelle.  
Murphy, A. T. Bell.  
Robbinsville, O. P. Ader.  
Webster, E. Myers.  
Whittier and Cherokee, A. W. Jacobs.

**GREENSBORO DISTRICT**—J. R. SCROGGS, P. E.  
Greensboro—West Market Street, S. B. Turrentine.  
Centenary, Ira Erwin.  
Spring Garden, L. W. Crawford.  
Proximity, J. A. Bowles.  
Greensboro circuit, J. E. Woostley.  
Reidsville—Main Street and chapel, D. V. Price.  
Wentworth, A. S. Roper.  
Ruffin, C. A. Wood.  
Pleasant Garden, T. B. Johnson, M. C. Field and P. L. Groome, supernumeraries.  
Liberty, E. J. Pope.  
Ramseur and Franklinville, T. S. Ellington.  
Asheboro station, J. P. Rogers.  
Asheboro circuit, to be supplied by J. F. Allred.  
Uwharrie, W. S. Heales.  
Jackson Hill, J. W. Strider.  
Randleman and Naomi, G. T. Cordell.  
Randolph, Albert Sherrill.  
West Randolph, C. H. Caviness.  
High Point—Washington Street, W. M. Bagby and G. H. Crowell.  
South Main, G. F. Kirby.  
Field secretary of missions, W. L. Grissom.  
Editor Advocate, H. M. Blair.

**MORGANTON DISTRICT**—T. E. WAGG, P. E.  
Morganton station, R. D. Sherrill.  
Morganton circuit, J. B. Carpenter.  
Connelly Springs, A. E. Wiley and R. S. Abernethy.  
Table Rock, J. C. Mock.  
Bakersville, J. J. Brooks.  
Elk Park, to be supplied.  
Estatee circuit, supplied by S. L. McIntosh.  
North Catawba, J. D. Carpenter.  
Marion station, W. H. Willis.  
McDowell circuit, L. E. Peeler.  
Thermal City, J. D. Bule.  
Rutherfordton station, N. R. Richardson.  
Forest City, L. L. Smith.  
Henrietta and Caroleen, Z. Paris.  
Broad River, W. O. Goode.  
Green River, W. H. Perry.  
Cliffside, to be supplied.  
President Rutherford College, C. C. Weaver.  
Professor in Rutherford College, J. T. Erwin.  
Financial agent of Rutherford and Weaverville Colleges and Brevard Industrial School, W. G. Mallonee.

**MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT**—J. J. BENN, P. E.  
Mount Airy station, F. L. Townsend.  
Mount Airy circuit, W. L. Huthsins.  
Rockford, J. W. Long.  
Pilot Mountain, supplied by A. L. Coburn.  
Stokes, J. P. Lanning.  
Yadkinville, J. F. Triplett.  
Elkin, T. A. Boone.  
Jonesville, S. E. Richardson.  
Wilkesboro, T. E. Weaver.  
North Wilkesboro, J. B. Tabor.  
Boone, B. F. Hargett.  
Watauga, Seymour Taylor.  
Jefferson, L. P. Bogle.  
Creston, J. A. Clark.  
Helton, supplied by S. W. Brown.  
Laurel Springs, to be supplied.

Sparta, supplied by T. J. Houck.  
**SALISBURY DISTRICT**—W. W. BAYS, P. E.  
Salisbury—First church, H. L. Atkins.  
Main Street, W. Y. Scales.  
East Salisbury and Tabor station, R. G. Barrett and J. C. Keever.  
Spencer, T. A. Sikes.  
Concord—Central, J. A. E. Fry, T. W. Smith, supernumerary.  
Forest Hill, J. N. Huggins.  
Epworth, J. P. Davis.  
Concord circuit, F. W. Bradley.  
Mt. Pleasant, C. M. Pickens.  
China Grove, E. N. Crowder.  
Norwood, J. O. Shelley.  
Cottonville and Big Lick, supplied by C. E. Steadman.  
Albemarle station, G. T. Rowe.  
Albemarle circuit, C. M. Gentry.  
New London, H. E. Byrum.  
Gold Hill, J. J. Eades.  
Salem station, P. W. Tucker.  
Lexington, J. D. Arnold.  
Linwood and Lexington mission, D. P. Tate and A. L. Aycock, supplies.  
Salisbury circuit, J. F. England.  
Woodleaf, B. E. Carpenter.

**SHELBY DISTRICT**—J. H. WEAVER, P. E.  
Shelby station, C. F. Sherrill.  
Shelby circuit, L. F. Carver.  
Gastonia—Main Street, H. F. Chreitzberg.  
West End, J. H. Bradley.  
King's Mountain, G. D. Herman.  
El Bethel, J. F. Armstrong.  
Bellwood, W. P. McGhee, A. G. Gantt, supernumerary.  
Polkville, J. W. Clegg.  
Palm Tree and Double Shoals, J. F. Totten.  
Cherryville, J. W. Ingle.  
Lincolnton, T. T. Salyer.  
Lincoln circuit, J. H. Bennett, supply.  
Stony Creek, J. H. West.  
Mt. Holly, W. H. McLaurin.  
Lowsville, J. J. Gray.  
South Fork, W. M. Boring.  
McAdenville, R. M. Courtney.  
Lowell, L. T. Mann.  
Bessemer City, G. G. Harley.  
Rock Springs, B. A. York.  
Professor in Trinity College, P. T. Durham.

**STATESVILLE DISTRICT**—J. E. THOMPSON, P. E.  
Statesville—First church, H. K. Bover.  
West End, J. M. Downum.  
Statesville circuit, J. H. Vrendle, Jas. Willson.  
Alexander circuit, W. LeGette.  
Stony Point circuit, B. F. Fincher.  
Catawba circuit, R. S. Howie.  
Newton circuit, W. F. Womble.  
Maiden circuit, W. S. Cherry.  
Iredell circuit, J. W. Bowman.  
Hickory, Parker Holmes.  
Caldwell circuit, P. L. Terrell.  
Granite Falls and Rhodhiss, G. W. Callahan.  
Lenoir, C. C. Thompson.  
Mooresville station, T. J. Rodgers.  
Mooresville circuit, J. M. Price.  
Clarksberry circuit, supplied by R. H. Penland.  
Troutman circuit, A. J. Burrus.  
Mt. Zion, M. H. Vestal.  
President Davenport College, R. C. Craven.  
Conference Sunday school secretary, D. H. Cowan.

**WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT**—R. M. HOYLE, P. E.  
Waynesville, J. E. Abernethy.  
Clyde, T. F. Glenn.  
Canton, supplied by W. A. Thomas.  
Jonathan, W. F. Elliott.  
Crab Tree, J. A. Farrington.  
Sulphur Springs, R. M. Taylor.  
Pisgah mission, supplied by W. P. Fincher.  
Springs Creek, supplied by J. C. Brown.  
Mills River, J. D. Franklin.  
Leicester, N. M. Medlin.  
Transylvania, supplied by J. B. Hyde.  
Brevard, C. P. Moore.  
Sunday school editor, James Atkins.

**WINSTON DISTRICT**—D. ATKINS, P. E.  
Winston—Centenary, W. R. Ware.  
Burkhard, H. Turner.  
Grace and Salem, J. H. Barnhardt.  
South Side and Winston, W. M. Biles.  
Lewisville, R. F. Bryant.  
Walmarton, S. T. Barber.  
Thomastown, P. J. Carraway.  
Kernersville, H. H. Jordan.  
Davidson, P. E. Parker.  
Summerfield, J. F. Kirk.  
Stokesdale, T. H. Pegram.  
Madison, W. M. Robbins.  
Leaksville and Spray, A. L. Stanford.  
Stoneville and Mayodan, supplied by A. Gregson.  
Danbury, I. T. Ratledge.  
Mocksville, W. L. Sherrill.  
Farmington, C. M. Campbell.  
Davie, W. C. Wilson, Conference secretary of board of missions.  
Coolemece, J. B. Craven.  
Transferred to North Carolina Conference, J. W. Bradley.

**Federation Elects Officers.**  
New Orleans, Special.—The American Federation of Labor re-elected the following officers: President, Samuel Gompers; first vice president, James Duncan; second vice president, John Mitchell; third vice president, James O'Connell; fourth vice president, Max Morris; fifth vice president, Thos. I. Kidd; sixth vice president, Dennis A. Hayes; treasurer, John B. Lennon; secretary, Frank Morrison; fraternal delegates to the next labor convention of Great Britain, Max S. Hayes and Martin Lawler; fraternal delegate to Canada, John Coleman. The place of the next convention will be Boston.

With schoolgirl "journalists" and boy historians of thirteen at work the young idea seems to be shooting all along the line.

## THESE CLUB WOMEN

### Bill Arp's Regular Weekly Contribution.

## PHILOSOPHER GIVES HIS OPINIONS

### On the Modern Tendencies Towards Women's Emancipation From Her Former Condition.

I've been watching these women—these club women. For a long time I did not like the name, but I am reconciled. I never visited a man's club but once. It was a gathering of very nice, well behaved social gentlemen with eatables and drinkables in the background, but no body partook to excess while I was there. The excess came afterwards, if it came at all. But a woman's club has neither eatables nor drinkables nor cigars. Of course it is a very social gathering but they mean business and they do it. Only a few years ago a few ladies of this town determined to do something for the town and they formed "The Cherokee Club," and soon had more members and went to work. All the members had passed their teens and the married ones had laid by their crop. They secured a charter and then got a lease from the city and the state for fifty years control of the ground between the hotel block and the railroad and adorned it with grass and gravel walks and enclosed it with a chain fence and placed handsome iron seats by the shade trees and planted a beautiful fountain in the center and peopled it with gold fish. This beautiful park is the frolic ground for the children and a cheerful resting place for their tired mothers and a trying place for young men and maidens. Near by the trains are passing at all hours, and our new beautiful passenger depot is near at hand, where our people congregate to receive their friends or bid them goodby. And the club did it all, for the old depot would still be there if the women had not stirred up the men to demand another. Then these women began to plant flowers and shrubbery in the school house grounds, and next they started a small library in a small room, and circulated good books among our people and they kept on and on until they got a larger room and more books, and kept it open two days in a week, and the demand for books soon widened to the country and every week they sent out four boxes of sixty volumes each along the mail routes, and so have established a rural circulating library that has proven a blessing to our country boys and girls, and the books always come back unhurt and are sent out on another mission. Next these good women started a sewing society among the poorer classes in our community and are taking turns in teaching the girls how to cut garments and make them and where they are very poor they give them aid and comfort. It is all charity. But last of all and best of all they have actually laid the foundation of a Club Library building that will hold thousands of books and where all the best magazines of the country will be taken. The city fathers gave them a beautiful lot and if the weather permits the building will be finished and paid for and occupied in three months. It will not only be a library for books but a place for rest for the traveling man as well as for our country friends and their wives and daughters when they come to town. Besides these uses it is intended to have literary and musical entertainments there that will be far more elevating and refining than the average shows that perform in our opera house. These women organized a lyceum course for two winters and succeeded fairly well, but to send afar off for lecturers costs too much for a town of this size and so they are going to secure home talent and talent from Atlanta and Rome and Dalton and have entertainments at popular prices, say at 10 cents admission, as Professor Proctor, the great astronomer did up north. He told me he never charged more in a manufacturing town, and always gave the working people the preference of seats and always had a delightful school to them. What these club women will do next I do not know, but they mean business. They mean to elevate their own sex first and if the men and boys come in they will find a welcome. I suppose that this library building will be the first that any club has erected in the state, and what I wish to remark and emphasize is that there is not a respectable town or village in the state but can do something on this same line.

Now I hear you ask, where did you get the money to do all this? "Heaven helps those who help themselves." Our women began with very little. The railroad gave them \$50 to start on and gave them part of the seats in the park. Then the club gave an oyster supper and made a good little sum. Later on they held a bazaar, and later on a concert, and after awhile another supper, and all along at intervals they smiled at the merchants and others and got some more money and when they run clear down they assess themselves and we husbands and fathers have to shell out. No, you don't need a Carnegie, but if you have one great, big hearted man and his wife in your community like we have you will not become bankrupt. Where there is a will there is a way. And my observation is that women can do any good thing they combine on.

A thoughtful man who witnessed the laying of the corner stone said to me, "This is the best work that has ever been started in this town and is doing more to uplift and encourage our young

people than everything else. God bless the women."

Lord Bacon said, "Knowledge is power." It is force. It is money. A library is better than a university. Johnson said, "Knowledge is the wings with which we fly to heaven." One of my boys (Frank) is a civil engineer and built two plants of water works in Ohio for Mr. Huntington. One of the pump at London got out of order and he went down in the deep well to fix it, but failed. A second time he went down, but it would not work and the water in the reservoir was getting low. He telegraphed to a neighboring town for an expert to come by the train. He felt relieved and thanked him and asked him for his bill. "Ten dollars," he said: "two dollars for railroad fare and \$3 for fixing the pump and \$5 dollars for knowing how." That's it, knowledge is money.

Some time ago I advertised for a copy of General Henry R. Jackson's famous speech on the "Wanderer" and also for a copy of Daniel Webster's last and greatest speech made at Cape Springs in June, 1851, in which he qualified all his previous declarations about the right of a state to withdraw from the union under certain contingencies. That speech was suppressed in the north and is not found in his published works.

Well I have been favored with both Senator Mangum, of North Carolina, heard the speech delivered and was one of the southern members of congress had it printed in pamphlet form and his grandson, Wiley Mangum Turner of Greensboro, N. C., has found it among his grandfather's papers and sent it to me. My friend, Mr. Ed. Holland, of Atlanta, Ga., has had his speeches neatly printed in one pamphlet, together with a brief biography of General Jackson by his friend, James M. Brown and this invaluable pamphlet will be mailed to any address on receipt of 25 cents.

It will be sent to students of colleges at the cost of publication. Address Ed Holland, Atlanta, Ga.

And now here is a letter from an old federal soldier living at Live Oak, Fla. His name is F. W. Angus, and belonged to General Sickles' brigade and two days after a battle in Virginia in 1862 he found in the woods the body of a confederate soldier and comrade dug a grave and buried him. In his pocket was found a pass from Colonel John S. Reid, commanding Third Georgia regiment, and the name of the soldier was D. Williams. Also another pass from Captain D. B. Langston, commanding company K.

I find in General Avery's roster the names of both these officers and if private Williams has any surviving relatives and would like to have them pass on I will send them.

I wrote in a former letter that the bears of Mississippi had held a convention and resolved not to come out of their dens to be shot at by any president or president who slandered Mr. Davis. I am pleased to read that Governor Longino did not invite him there and that the veterans of Memphis will attend the ovation that Memphis has promised him. After denouncing Davis (who was dead) as the assassin and repudiator, it seems to me to be the most unblushing impudence of him to put his feet on that hallowed ground. He says in his so-called history that when Mr. Davis was governor he vetoed the bill that was passed to repudiate the debts, when the truth is Mr. Davis never was governor, nor did he ever advocate repudiation. "Teddy, old boy, when are you going to retire and send an apology to Mrs. Davis, who still lives. You say in your book that we were all traitors and anarchists. How about your Uncle Captain Bulloch, who served with Admiral Semmes in our navy, of whom you wrote so gushingly to Mr. Cunningham saying he was a most admirable man and very like the Colonel Newcombe of Thackeray? Was he a traitor, too? Cunningham says Teddy is all right and showers editorial praise upon him in "The Veteran." I wonder what the veterans of Mississippi think of that.

Teddy said: "I'm going to Mississippi to hunt for bear," and the bears said: "Forbear!"—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

### After Mormon Senator.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—The Ministerial Alliance of Salt Lake Sunday adopted resolutions strongly opposing the proposed election to the United States Senate of Reed Smoot, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church. A copy of the resolutions will be sent to every ministerial alliance of prominence in the country, once and also probably to President Roosevelt, every Congressman and United States Senator, and every prominent in political life.

### Negro Sues Atlantic Coast Line.

Richmond, Special.—The suit of W. Hawkes, colored, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for \$100,000 will be argued in the Chesterfield county court. The plaintiff, who is a negro, who conducts a saloon at W. son, Va., alleges that he was riding in the Jim Crow car of the defendant company when the conductor insisted that the passenger belonged in the white coach. Hawkes refused to get into the white coach and was put on the train at Chichester.

Baron Bleichroeder, Privy Counselors Goldberger and Ravene and others prominent in Berlin official and commercial circles have joined with United States Consul General Messersmith and other Americans in forming the Deutsch-Amerikanischer Klub at the capital of the German Empire, the chief aim being to promote pleasant relations between the United States and Germany.