

HOPE TO AVERT MINERS STRIKE

Anthracite Operators and Union Leaders Again to Confer on the Pennsylvania Situation. TAFT MAY INTERFERE TO PREVENT WALKOUT

New York, March 20.—Hope of averting a coal strike sprang anew out of the members of last week's failure, when the operators suddenly declared that they were ready to confer again with the miners, and the same sentiment was expressed by union leaders.

George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, whose name hitherto has been almost synonymous with obduracy, and the principal spokesman of the capitalists, declared in Philadelphia that the operators were willing to go into conference once more with the miners.

When the meeting, held here, ended in disagreement the gloomiest of forebodings were felt by all who were in touch with the situation. The declaration of Mr. Baer came as a sheer surprise. He said that while it was not suggested by anybody when the recent conference closed that there should be another one, that the operators regarded themselves as being fair minded and were still disposed to get together with the representatives of the men for the purpose of seeing if an agreement could not be reached.

Congress Acts on Strike Situation. Washington, March 20.—Prospects of a coal strike stirred members of both houses of congress to action yesterday. Senator Townsend introduced a bill to provide a federal investigation of any controversy affecting interstate commerce and Representative each proposed a similar measure in the house. Senator Townsend's bill is similar to one he introduced when a member of the house several years ago.

The possibilities of a coal strike are causing anxiety at the navy department. While the strike would affect the anthracite mines only, indirectly that would be likely to increase the cost of bituminous coal which would be used largely as a substitute.

Taft Watching Situation. Boston, March 20.—President Taft indicated last night before leaving for Washington his interest in the threatened anthracite coal mine strike. The president wished to make it clear that he had no intention of interfering, but conferences arranged for the White House during the next few days showed his desire to become acquainted with the situation. One of the first of the president's callers will be John Mitchell, who probably will visit Washington March 22.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel and Commissioner of Labor Neill will be present also. They have kept in close touch with the miners and operators and the president looks for a report on present conditions when he arrives in Washington.

Several mine operators already have presented their side of the case to Mr. Taft. Although the president took pains to show his unwillingness to interfere at present, developments in the future may make him change his mind.

MORGAN GIVES \$100,000 TO PEABODY COLLEGE

Nashville, March 20.—J. Pierpont Morgan has given \$100,000 to the Peabody college for teachers. It was announced today. Morgan's gift is part of a million dollars which will be raised for the institution.

FIVE KILLED, 9 HURT WHEN BOMB EXPLODES

Many Houses Wrecked in Portuguese Tragedy—The Authorities Make Two Arrests.

Oporto, Portugal, March 20.—Five men were killed and nine wounded in a bomb explosion in Miragaia today. The explosion's roar was heard for miles. Many houses were destroyed and two arrests have been made.

MR. BEVERIDGE ATTACKS MR. TAFT

Points to Oil and Tobacco Decisions as Showing Futility of His "Trust Busting."

SAYS ONLY ROOSEVELT CAN CONTROL BUSINESS

Chicago, March 20.—Former Senator Beveridge in an address at the auditorium here last night declared the most pressing need of the country was a strong man at its head, a man so strong that he could control the great corporations and their makers.

He said the Sherman law had failed in its purpose because it was at war with natural law and that prosecutions under the present administration had been futile.

The speaker also arraigned the leadership of President Taft, saying in part: "What the people need at the head of their government is a strong man—the very strongest man they can find. Great business concerns have the strongest men they can find to care for their interests. Why should not the people have the strongest man they can find to care for their interests? This is a big country and needs big business to serve it, but it ought not to let big business rule it."

"It is the nature of power to want ever more power. That is why strong men in business, if unrestrained, honestly come to think that they are above the government. And that is why we need at the head of our government a man so strong that he can make these other strong men understand that they are not above but under the government. The only man who ever has done that since modern business began to absorb the strongest minds and most daring hearts of the nation is Theodore Roosevelt."

"He made the strongest men in American business, and that means the strongest men in all the world, understand that greater than their mighty power is the people's power. He taught them that the laws of the republic are far the great as well as the weak; for the strong as well as the weak; and that over all alike, whether for punishment of the criminal or protection of the innocent, is the sword of the nation's justice. He brought them to their knees before the government which, until then, they had ignored or used as their instrument."

Growth of Big Business. "When our civil war ended we Americans began a period of industrial expansion such as the world never knew. At that time the practice, the theory and the law of business was that every man's business was nobody's business but their own. Thus grew up a condition so hurtful to the people's welfare and so destructive of human rights that our congress was driven to correct it. Therefore, congress harked back to ancient times and enacted a law for the American people of today which had been passed by the British parliament for the English people 200 years ago. This law has made most of the uncertainty which today is halting American business and filling with fear every honest business man in the land. Yet that law stopped no wrong of organized capital whose very existence that law was meant to destroy."

The chief and just complaint of the people is the high cost of living. The chief artificial cause for this is an overcapitalized tariff and overcapitalized trusts. Yet the Sherman law was not meant to prevent overcapitalization but to prevent trusts. But trusts are nothing but large organizations of capital engaged in industry; and this is the natural result of natural forces which no law could stop. So the Sherman law, after a trial of nearly a quarter of a century, has failed in its purpose because it is an artificial law at war with natural law.

Evils of Watered Stock. "Billions of dollars of watered stock has been issued and sold by railroad and industrial corporations and other forms of active capital. To pay interest on the bonds and dividends on the stock of this ocean of fictitious paper, prices have been charged that have made the necessities of life almost beyond the reach of the common people. On the other hand, out of this wicked condition have sprung mushroom millionaires with nightly fortunes gotten overnight."

"During all this time our government has done nothing except to enforce the Sherman law; and even it was most tenderly applied until Theodore Roosevelt became president. He brought more suits against the trusts under the Sherman law than all other administrations put together. But these trusts fought these suits, and so the biggest of them came to go and during Mr. Taft's administration. And how have they been ended?"

Oil and Tobacco Decisions. "Mr. Taft appointed a New York corporation lawyer as attorney general. Now have these suits against Oil and Tobacco Decisions."

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Floyd Allen Wounded, Jailed at Roanoke



FLOYD ALLEN LYING ON COT IN HILLSVILLE, VA., JAIL GUARDED BY DETECTIVES

Herein is shown the first picture taken of Floyd Allen, the Virginia outlaw, as he lay wounded on a cot in the Hillsville jail after his capture following the tragedy in the Carroll county court house, where in his hand murdered Judge Massie, together with the prosecuting attorney and sheriff, just as Judge Massie had pronounced sentence on Allen for lawlessness. Detectives Baldwin and Felix, who are leading the posse in the case after Allen's gang, are shown heavily armed, guarding their prisoner.

CAUGHT SMUGGLING WOMAN ENDS LIFE

Mrs. Blanche Carson Hangs Herself from Window of Gotham Hotel.

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Blanche Carson of San Francisco, who was arrested here for smuggling several thousand dollars worth of jewelry on her arrival from abroad, committed suicide today by hanging herself to a window of her hotel. The woman's body was seen by a pedestrian dangling from the ledge of an eighth floor window of the Hotel Broxton. The rope had been fastened to a radiator. The woman confessed to smuggling jewelry valued at \$25,000. During her examination yesterday she broke down and told how she brought a large amount of jewelry into the United States concealed in her hat and elsewhere. She was 40 years old.

DISTRESS GROWS ACUTE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Strikers Suffering Privations—Thousands of Children Cared for by Charity.

London, March 20.—Distress is acute throughout the whole industrial district of the United Kingdom because of the national coal strike which threw one million miners and one-half million other workers out of work. Women, children and the workers themselves are suffering extreme poverty in many places. Thousands of children in many centers are being fed from charity funds.

PURSUE ROBBERS

Posse on Trail of Men Who Held up Mobile and Ohio Trains.

Corinth, Miss., March 20.—Sheriff McPeters and a posse of Alcorn county men today began the pursuit of five or more robbers of a Mobile & Ohio northbound train. The train was held up and the express safe dynamited and robbed, seven miles south of Corinth early last night by men heavily armed and masked. After accomplishing the robbery the robbers took to the dense underbrush of the Tusculum river bottoms. Bloodhounds were telegraphed for.

MRS. GRACE GOES EAST

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NICARAGUAN PLOT TO SLAY MR. KNOX

Government Probably Will Execute Conspirators, Including Prominent Liberals.

New Orleans, March 20.—Because of the alleged discovery by the Nicaraguan government of a plot to assassinate Secretary of State Knox on his recent visit there it is not improbable a number of prominent "liberals" will be put to death, according to advices received from Bluefields today.

Thirteen dynamite bombs were placed beneath the road bed over which the Knox special train traveled from Corinto to Managua, and connected with an electric battery, were discovered by government agents and will be used as evidence against the conspirators. Two secret Zelevistas or "liberals" are confined in the penitentiary at Managua held incommunicado pending termination of the present investigation. The bombs with battery connections were discovered planted beneath the railroad tracks. The discovery was made after the Knox special train passed on the way to the capital. The failure of the conspirators to do their deadly work is believed due to either lack of proper battery connections or to the approach of the guards detailed to patrol the tracks.

MAINE VICTIMS' REMAINS TAKEN TO WASHINGTON

Memorial Services will be Held and Interment Made Saturday.

Washington, March 20.—The scout cruiser Birmingham, bearing the recovered remains of the victims of the battleship Maine, arrived in the navy yards here today. The caskets will be kept at the navy yard until Saturday, when they will be taken to the state, war and navy building and memorial services, attended by President Taft and other officials, will be held, after which interment will be made at Arlington cemetery.

EIGHTY-FIVE MAY HAVE LOST LIVES

Fort Smith, Ark., March 20.—A telephone report says the San Bois Coal company's mine at McCurtain, Okla., was blown up by gases, and is afire. Eighty-five men, it is believed, lost their lives.

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TAFT AGAIN WARNS AGAINST RECALL

The President Is Given a Warm Welcome in New England.

Boston, March 20.—"All that the administration wants is a square deal," said President Taft, speaking yesterday from the steps of the Concord, N. H., statehouse, near the close of his two days' New England visit.

During his stay in Boston and in New Hampshire the president spoke to 18 audiences, stating definitely his attitude on the tariff, his reasons for opposing the recall of judges, and judicial decisions and his continued hope of ultimate arbitration.

Some of his most emphatic remarks on "progressive" measures were delivered from the portico of the granite state capitol with Gov. Bass, one of Roosevelt's ardent supporters as a respectful listener.

The people of southern New Hampshire seemed eager to see and hear the president. Railroad square in Nashua was well filled with mill hands of many nationalities. After leaving Manchester he passed through two lines half a mile long of school children, waving flags.

The president gave a concise outline of his ideas of the right or not of the principle of the recall of judges and of decisions.

"Adopt such measures," he said, "and you will have a government of special instances. You would have a constitution that is to be applied at one time and not applied at another. That, my friends, is nothing but a government of special instances that has not the uniformity of law and constitution, and is the most tyrannical form of government we can have."

"This question of a change in the judiciary of this country means that we may recall judges that we do not like, if they happen to decide against us, or if they happen to decide a question one way we may submit it to popular election to decide whether the court decided right or not. I think the people are charmed with the knowledge of the law as the Supreme court of New Jersey or as the Supreme court of the United States. I believe in popular government, but I believe in popular government ordered by constitution and by law."

"You give up an independent judiciary and you might as well give up your constitution. I know enough about the commonsense of the American people to know that they will never give up the constitution and they are not going to be honeyfugled out of it by being told that they are to interpret nice questions of constitutional law just as well or better than most judges. The American people are a great people because they can stand having the truth told to them about themselves without getting mad about it and without turning on the man who tells the truth."

Taft Stops in New York. New York, March 20.—President Taft stopped in New York this morning on his return trip to Washington. After breakfasting on his private car, the president was driven to the residence of his brother, Henry W. Taft. Shortly after 10 o'clock he left for Washington.

MR. LA FOLLETTE GETS N. DAKOTA

Returns to Date Give Him Lead of 13,000 Votes Over Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

TAFT DOESN'T FIGURE IN PRIMARY CONTEST

Few Votes Are Cast for President—T. R.'s Managers Admit His Defeat.

Washington, March 20.—Senator Dixon, Col. Roosevelt's manager, commenting upon the North Dakota primary, said the result was a severe blow for Taft.

Fargo, N. D., March 20.—With returns received last night, Senator LaFollette has a lead of over Theodore Roosevelt in the first presidential preference primary election yesterday. Roosevelt carried only one of the eastern tier of counties.

Frank Talcott, chairman of the republican state committee and John F. Bass, manager of the Roosevelt campaign in this state, notified Senator Joseph M. Dixon at Washington late last night that in their opinion Senator LaFollette had carried the primaries. Neither made a prediction as to LaFollette's plurality, but conceded that Colonel Roosevelt had been defeated.

This decision was reached by the Roosevelt managers after nearly complete returns had been received from 18 of the 49 counties in the state. Going over the figures from these 18 counties, the Roosevelt men conceded ten of them to LaFollette outright, listed two others as about even, and claimed six counties for their candidate.

With these figures as a basis, it was decided "that there were not enough Roosevelt votes on the western slope to balance the heavy pull for LaFollette in the eastern portion of the state.

Even in some portions of the cow country LaFollette ran even or better, with Grand Forks, Valley City, Devil's Lake, Minot and others of the larger cities listed for LaFollette by the returns it seemed that the Wisconsin senator's plurality would be large.

INCOME TAX MEASURE PASSES HOUSE 250 TO 40

Fate of the Bill in the Senate Is Considered Problematical.

Washington, March 20.—The democratic excise bill to virtually tax everybody's income when it is \$5000 or more a year passed the house yesterday 250 to 40.

The democrats voted solidly for it and carried eighty republican votes with them. Forty regular republicans were the opposition.

The bill now goes to the senate, where its fate is a guess. Many senators declared that if upon analysis they found the house measure would tax all classes of people alike they would support it. Democratic senators with a few exceptions are expected to vote for it. Democratic Leader Martin expressed the hope that the democratic senators and the progressive republicans might but the bill through. Republican leaders are depending upon the president's veto to check revenue revision bills from the house.

The excise bill, though primarily intended to produce anywhere from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 a year to make up for the losses on free sugar, is also expected to be one of the off-sets to general pension legislation which seems to be enacted.

HE MAY BELONG TO ALLEN BAND

At Least, That Is Theory on Which Police Arrested a Man on Freight Train, at Biltmore Today.

SAYS HE IS GOODSON, AND LIVES AT CANTON

He Is Roughly Dressed and Looks Like a Mountain Man, and Appears Not at All Dangerous.

Is the Allen band, that murdered the court officials at Hillsville, Va., a few days ago beginning to disintegrate and the members seeking safety by flight to other places than the mountain fastnesses where the posse are seeking them? If the man who was arrested by the local police at Biltmore about noon today while he was "heating a freight," proves to be one of the Allens, then it would look as though the report that they were leaving the mountains is correct. This morning Chief of Police Lyette received a message from the trainman on freight train No. 73 that a man had boarded the train at Barber Junction and it was thought that he might be one of the Allens. Patrolman Davenport and Jones were sent to meet the train and they took the man in custody, and he was locked up in the city jail pending investigations. This appears to be all the proof that the officers had that the man is one of the Allens, but anyhow he could be arrested for riding the train.

The young man appears to be a little over 20 years of age, is rather tall and spare, slightly stooped and is, or looks to be, a typical mountaineer. He says that his name is Oliver Goodson, that his home is in Canton and that he was going there when arrested. He said he had been at Hillsville and had not been at Canton for two years. He stated that his mother lives at Canton. When asked if he had anyone there who could identify him, he said he thought there might be; that he had some relatives there but "they are not any good."

He is roughly dressed and had on two coats and overalls. He certainly does not look very dangerous. When told that he would have to be locked up for a while he made no objection.

Believe Allens Are Located. Hillsville, Va., March 20.—Messengers from the posse guarding the roads in the mountains have reported the courthouse assassins at a point about five miles from Floyd Allen's home. Every available man in Hillsville has hurried up into the hills in the hopes of surrounding them before they get away.

Just after dusk last night a man riding a grey horse covered with foam rode into town and had a hurried talk with Detective Felix, head of the posse. Not even the men who had been in the saddle all day were spared from the call and the party galloped off on what was an all night ride.

The chase of the Allen outlaws who shot up the Carroll county courthouse last Thursday and now have five deaths to their score for that sortie has settled down to a siege.

All that the posse know is that the gang probably is up in the chestnut ridge. Travelers coming down from Fancy Gap said the Allens had deserted their stand at Squirrel Spur and plunged into the still thicker country over toward the Patrick county line. That is more of a wilderness than their previous stand. At some places the boundary lines have never been located.

If now looks like an attempt to starve out the assassins. The posse have been spread over the roads and the cross roads and by-ways have been well covered. By this method they hope to cut off food supplies and probably medical attention.

Detective Dan Baldwin was starting off last night from Roanoke for Mount Airy on the Carolina line, hoping to work down through the Ararat river country to meet the Hillsville posse working up over Volunteer Gap. The area is a howling wilderness of swamp and bush.

Allen's Property Attached. Jack Allen, one of the brothers who did not take part in the courthouse assassination came into town yesterday to consult a lawyer about the attachment of Sidna's and Physa's property. Allen galloped up to the town's folk thought he was heading another raid.

He said that his brothers probably had shot in self-defense and would be released.

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MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT. If I could select the man I would name. Name: Address: Put this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a registry book provided at the office. Results will be published from time to time and in no case will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.