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### ALL HOPE OF EARLY SETTLEMENT DIES

Result of Protest by Independent Operators.

### THE MINERS' CAUSE WEAK

So They Declare and Demand That the Matter go Back to the Commission--Negotiations at Washington are Called off.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 25.—A serious hitch occurred today in the plans for a settlement of the coal controversy by conference between the coal operators and the miners' union, and it is now almost certain that the final adjustment of the points at issue will be referred again to the Coal Strike Commission.

At a meeting between the presidents of the coal roads and a large number of independent operators a strong protest was entered by the latter against treating directly with the miners. An invitation to meet Mr. Mitchell at Scranton on Friday was declined peremptorily and it was agreed unanimously that in the judgment of the operators it was best, for the present, to go on with the hearing before the commission.

The meeting of the independent operators and railroad officials lasted about an hour, and at its close President Fowler, of the New York, Ontario and Western, said that President Baer, of the Reading, was preparing a statement. Later, the statement was issued and Mr. Baer left at once for Philadelphia.

After mentioning at the outset the names of the "private" operators present, the statement given out by Mr. Baer says:

"They (the private operators) met the coal presidents who had signed the request to the President of the United States.

"They presented a protest against any adjustment being made at this time, insisting that the principles involved were so serious and affected so many interests that it was necessary now to have the commission hear all the facts and pass its judgment upon the whole controversy. Mr. Simpson, as chairman, read a paper expressing their views and other gentlemen expressed decided opinions.

### Action of Independent Operators.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 25.—The independent coal operators protested today to the coal-carrying railroads against the proposed plan to settle differences with the Mine Workers' Union. The nature of their protest appears in the following statement which was given out this afternoon by C. D. Simpson, representing the independent operators:

Scranton, Nov. 25, 1902. To Messrs. Baer, Thomas, Truesdale, Olyphant, Fowler and Walter, Presidents. Gentlemen:—The undersigned individual coal operators whose product is carried over one or the other of your respective railroads, having learned that efforts are being made to effect a settlement of the questions now before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, of which the individual coal operators have been made a party at the request of the Commission, and a number of your corporations, beg leave respectfully to enter their vigorous protest against any such settlement to be made at this time and set forth the following among many reasons:

1. We believe that such a settlement at this time and upon the basis suggested would forever establish the power and perpetuate the injustice perpetrated by the United Mine Workers.

2. That such settlement would be, in the eyes of the public, a confession that we have heretofore been guilty of all the offenses charged against us by the said mine workers.

so magnified as to be absolutely unbearable. The hearings before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission present the first opportunity that the coal operators ever have had of presenting their case before the general public who are really an important third party, since abstracts at least of these proceedings are published all over the United States, and it is a duty that we owe to ourselves as well as to them to prove that the continued and repeated charges of injustice, barbarity and extortion are absolutely unfounded; all of which the individual operators at least, propose to do.

The case as presented already shows such weakness that we believe they were almost disheartened when these suggestions for a compromise was made. We believe that any surrender on our part which would be practically what this compromise would amount to, would be far the most serious mistake ever made in the anthracite coal business.

### A Stunning Surprise.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—All prospects for an understanding between the United Mine Workers and the coal operators (Continued on Page Five.)

### IS HE GUILTY?

Science Seems to be Lifting a Cloud of Suspicion From Ryzewski.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 25.—In spite of the rigid secrecy which has been maintained by the officials and by the commission of American doctors concerning the result of the autopsy conducted by the latter on the body of Mrs. Ellen Gore today, it is learned from an authoritative source that the doctors tend individually to the acceptance of the theory of an accident and the probabilities are that their official report will strongly incline to that theory, if it does not positively assert it, thus bringing the French and American doctors into agreement and relieving the case of any international significance.

After the post mortem examination, the American doctors arranged to have a consultation later in the day in order to determine upon their official report, but this conference was postponed, owing to the indisposition of one of the gentlemen. Meanwhile, the doctors were interviewed by the representative of the Associated Press, but they positively declined to make any statements as to the results of the examination. It is clear, however, that the American doctors are impressed by the thoroughness with which the French surgeons investigated the case and they are not inclined to raise a professional issue.

At least two of the American doctors hold an outright accident theory and they will seek to have that view incorporated in the official report. The grounds for this conclusion are the following: The French experts exhibited at the morgue this morning a geometrical design in which one line showed the direction of the bullet from the revolver as it struck the floor and another line showed the victim in a leaning posture sitting at the foot of the bed, as has been described by De Ryzewski. The angle of the bullet wound tallied exactly with the geometrical design based on De Ryzewski's statement, and the American doctors verified this. The fact that the direction of the wound was almost parallel with the earth is accounted for by the leaning posture of the victim. The doctors regard this design as almost equivalent to a mathematical demonstration.

The four American doctors, A. J. Maginn, Edmund L. Gross, Turner and Whitman, were present at the examination as was also Dr. Sosquet, at the request of the French officials, and M. Paquet, representing Mr. Gowdy. The body was brought into the amphitheatre used for demonstrations before students. Dr. Sosquet explained the course of the first autopsy and the American doctors carefully made their own inspection, but they made no new incisions. The skull had been sawed into two parts along the course of the wound, which permitted the Americans to make measurements, which served to establish the range of the bullet. It was obvious that the range was not greatly upwards as at first announced, but was almost parallel with the earth.

### WARM SHOWS, THESE

Effort to Establish Music Halls of a Questionable Character in This State. (Special to News and Observer.) Washington, N. C., Nov. 25.—A Norfolk newspaper man writing to your correspondent says that J. M. Barton, who runs two low class music halls in Norfolk and one in Newport News, is going to establish a chain of similar houses in Carolina, provided he can get the licenses. Washington and Elizabeth City are put down as probable places of location. This will mean more work for the local pulpit.

### CONFERENCE CLOSES HANGED FOR RAPE

Appointments of Methodist Protestant Preachers. The Negro Calvin Elliott Executed at Lincolnton.

Resolution Recognizing Favorable Attitude of United Brethren and Primitive Methodists to Unite With M. P. Church.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheboro, N. C., Nov. 25.—The Methodist Protestant Conference closed last night at 11:30 o'clock. Yesterday was a busy day.

The new president, Rev. T. M. Johnson, turned off business at a rapid rate. Quite a warm discussion was provoked by the report of a committee on "The Work of the President this Year." The amount of travel was left to the discretion of the president.

The appropriation for church extension is \$3,000. The subscriptions to the college enterprise amount to \$36,000. The Board of Church Extension is composed of C. L. Whitaker, G. B. Harris, T. T. Hicks, T. M. Johnson, E. C. Harris, of Granville county, addressed the conference on the special work the Endeavorers have undertaken, viz: Educating a young man for the ministry.

The Endeavor Societies will take special interest this year in the district C. E. Conventions. A resolution was adopted recognizing the favorable attitude on the part of the United Brethren and the Primitive Methodists to unite with the Methodist Protestant church.

There are in the United States 185,000 Methodist Protestants; 285,000 United Brethren; 15,000 Primitive Methodists. A total of 485,000. The following is the Stationery Committee's report:

- APPOINTMENT OF PREACHERS. Alamance, J. N. Garrett. Albemarle, C. E. Forlines. Anderson, W. R. Lowdermilk. Asheboro, W. A. Bunch. Buncombe, E. G. Lowdermilk. Burlington, G. F. Millaway. Broad River, R. L. Melton. Caldwell, H. D. Garnot. Chatham, unsupplied. Cleveland, unsupplied. Concord, unsupplied. Davidson, J. G. W. Holloway. Flat Rock, W. F. Kennett. Forsyth, G. H. Austin. Gastonia, unsupplied. Gibsonville, N. G. Bethea. Granville, C. L. Whitaker. Guilford, G. L. Reynolds. Greensboro, Grace Church, R. M. Andrews. Greenville, O. P. Routh. Halifax, C. H. Whitaker. Haw River, J. H. Stowe. Henderson Station, J. S. Williams. High Point, Wm. Porter. Ivey, D. A. Braswell. La Grange, W. C. Kennett. Lebanon, C. A. Coell. Liberty, W. P. Ashburn. Lincoln, unsupplied. Littleton, H. L. Powell. Mocksville, R. L. Clinton. Mecklenburg, P. C. Battle. Mt. Hermon, W. E. Swain. Monroe, unsupplied. Oak Ridge, C. E. Raner. Orange, W. D. Fogleman. Plymouth and Mt. Zion, A. L. Hunter. Pinnac and Edenton, C. J. Edwards. Randleman, S. E. Lucas. Randolph, J. R. Hutton. Richland, W. C. Hammer. Roanoke, Geo. W. Holmes. Rocky Mount, A. G. Dixon. Saxapahaw, J. H. Bowman. Spring Church, O. P. Routh. Stanley, H. S. B. Thompson. Surry, J. L. Giles. Tabernacle, W. M. Pike. Unwarrie, E. Suits. Vance, J. E. Hartsell. Winston Circuit, J. D. Watson. Winston Station, J. D. Williams. Leby Not. W. C. Lassiter. Yarbrough Chapel, W. B. Lowdermilk. S. Simpson, Supernumery, Flat Rock Circuit. G. W. Bowman, Supernumery, Liberty Circuit. D. A. Fishel, Supernumery, Littleton Circuit. T. T. Ferree, Supernumery, Asheboro Station. W. F. McDowell, Supernumery, Richland Circuit. D. A. Highfill, Supernumery, Chatham Circuit. J. W. Heath, Superannuated. J. N. Garrett, Superannuated. E. A. Plyler, Superannuated. Most of the visitors left for their homes and fields of labor this morning. All are lavish in their praise of the hospitality of Asheboro.

### CRUSADE BEGUN TO BREAK UP DISORDERLY HOUSES

The Police Round up a Disreputable Party of Eight Who Now Reside Within Prison Walls. (Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 25.—There is a crusade on to break up disorderly houses in the city, and the city authorities are receiving substantial encouragement in their efforts to weed out the superabundance of such breeders of disturbance in certain sections of the town.

This sadly needed reform was precipitated Sunday night, when the report of a murder in a disreputable portion of the city caused Chief Scott, Officer Patterson and the patrol wagon to hasten to the scene. No murder had been committed, but there had been a free-for-all fight and the officers proceeded to raid some of the establishments in the neighborhood. On the first trip back to the station they brought Florence Sides, Walter Hagy, Branch Shankle and T. M. Garrett. On the next trip they brought Texie May Causey, Lela Webb, Ed. Smith and E. R. Starling. The party of eight took supper in the calaboose. Yesterday two more raids were made and Annie Smith, Lillie Ferrell, Grace Williams and Hattie Murphy were captured.

Mayor Osborn had a prolonged session to his court yesterday afternoon, and it was away after nightfall before he emerged from the judgment seat. His work was the result of the raids on a number of disorderly houses located on what is known as "Long Branch," an eastern suburb of Greensboro. Eight defendants were placed in jail in default of bond for appearance at the next term of the Superior court, one only being able to give the required security.

Another venerated, or venerable landmark in jail, is Aunt Lydia Thompson, an old colored woman weighing probably three hundred pounds. For thirty years it is said she has lived in the shadow of the court house, the city hall, the city jail, and just across the street from the county jail. For that length of time too, it is alleged, she has been dispensing surreptitious doses of spirits (rum) to select customers, contrary to Federal, State and Divine law. And it was as Aunt Lydia often said "Day hadn't never catch her, because she knowed who ter fool wid an' day didn't." But Chief of Police Scott, his wonderful detective faculty sharpened by search and study to ferret out the whereabouts of Green McAdoo, "kotch" her yesterday

### THE HOLINESS CONVENTION.

(Special to the News and Observer.) LaGrange, N. C., Nov. 25.—The Holiness State convention convenes here tomorrow at 11 a. m. The session will continue until Sunday inclusive. The denomination has thirty churches in this State.

because in an evil hour, she trusted Andy Bevell, a colored ingrate, who, when captured Sunday with two bottles of the contraband, squealed on the old lady to save himself from punishment. Aunt Lydie acknowledged the corn before His Honor, and went to jail in default of bond.

The Winston Journal, which had become one of the brightest local morning dailies in the State under the management of Messrs. Fawcette & Fay, changes ownership today. Mr. F. W. H. Leslie, of New York, has purchased the property, assuming charge at once. Mr. Fawcette will return to his former home in West Virginia, and Mr. Fay, it is learned, will remain as business manager. The understanding here is that Mr. Leslie will enlarge to eight pages, and take the full press despatches. He is an experienced newspaper man and has entered a splendid territory for development.

### Gibbs, the Inventor, Dies.

(By the Associated Press.) Lexington, Va., Nov. 25.—James E. Gibbs, the inventor of the Wilcox and Gibbs sewing machine and other inventions, died today at his home at Raphine, Rockbridge county. He was 73 years of age.

### TO PLAY VIRGINIA

The North Carolina Boys Will Leave for Richmond To-day. (Special to News and Observer.) Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 25.—The University football team will leave tomorrow morning for Richmond, Va., where on Thursday afternoon it will struggle upon the gridiron for supremacy with the stalwart warriors from the University of Virginia in the Southern championship game. The following boys will compose the University football squad: Foust, Stewart, Farlow, Jones, Donnelly, Albright, Cox, Condon, Fisher, Holt, Engel, Mann, Newton, Jones, H.; Berkeley, Endicott, Jacobs, Carr and Graves.

The outcome of the game, according to the "College Topics," a weekly paper published by the University of Virginia, is indeed a foregone conclusion. It states in substance that the question to consider is not whether Virginia will defeat Carolina, but how much. The "Tar Heels" do not entertain hope of victory so strongly as their Virginia friends, but will enter the game with such a dogged determination as will cause a victory to be deservedly won. A comparison of scores will enable one to judge of the relative strength of the respective teams. Virginia ousted V. P. I. by a score of 5 to 0 and Davidson succumbed to the orange and black by a score of 35 to 0, while Carolina played V. P. I. to a standstill, neither side scoring, and defeated Davidson by a score of 27 to 0, playing only seven minutes in the second half. This shows that both teams are evenly matched, and a hard and desperate struggle is confidently expected by all.

### FOR MORE RURAL LIBRARIES.

Generous Efforts in Orange That are Crowned With Success. (Special to the News and Observer.) Hillsboro, N. C., Nov. 25.—The county superintendent of Orange is making a determined effort to put in several more rural libraries, and has sent out several letters asking men of wealth of the county to take the place of the State by giving ten dollars. In response to this appeal, Maj. Geo. P. Collins sent a check for ten dollars for a library for the Hillsboro school. The board of education offered ten dollars, and when the offer was made to the school children, instead of raising the ten dollars asked for, they raised over \$30 in one day. They have secured over fifty dollars worth of books for their school and it was made possible by the generosity of Maj. Collins. If other men of wealth of our county would respond in like manner a rural library could be placed within reach of every child in the county.

The contract for building the new public school house in Hillsboro has been awarded to James Nichols for \$769.95. The citizens of Hillsboro save half this amount.

The union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Presbyterian church this year. Rev. Chas. Maddy, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the sermon.

### Sudden Death of Dr. Geo. W. Morton.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Kittrell, N. C., Nov. 25.—This whole community has been plunged into sadness by the sudden death of Dr. Geo. W. Morton, of the Old Dominion Hospital, Richmond. The Doctor, scarcely thirty, was in the most robust health up to about a week ago and went to Richmond only Sunday morning to undergo an operation.

Dr. Morton, a connection of the most prominent families in Granville county, saw service in the Spanish war, surviving an attack of yellow fever at Santiago. The war over he studied medicine, married Miss Scott, of Keyesville, and settled at Kittrell. His success from the start was phenomenal—almost unparalleled by a young physician. He had many of the qualities of a great physician, industry, enthusiasm, and a wonderful personal magnetism. The whole neighborhood mourns as if every family had lost a member and all hearts go out in sympathy to his devoted young wife.

### CHANCES OF TREATY GROWING REMOTE

Our Negotiations With Colombia Halt Dead.

### THE CABINET CONVENES

The Members Discuss the Proposed Canal and Cuban Reciprocity--Representatives of Nicaragua Make no Effort to Negotiate With Us. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 25.—The Cabinet meeting today was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the status of reciprocity with Cuba and the canal treaty with Colombia. The hitches that have occurred in the negotiations were discussed as were also the prospects of settlement.

Secretary Hay, while presenting the subject of the canal negotiations to the Cabinet, was not able to report that any progress had been made during the past week. In fact, it appears that the negotiations have come to a dead stop, and while no such thing as an ultimatum has passed, the precise situations may be described in the statement that the Colombian minister here, Concha, has distinctly informed the State Department that he cannot, in behalf of his government, accept the last proposition of the United States as the basis of a canal treaty. The State Department already has let it be known that it has come to the end of its concessions, so the chances of a renewal of the negotiations in the near future are not very bright.

This state of affairs will stimulate the negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the alternate route, but it now appears that the diplomatic representatives of these countries are not disposed to allow themselves to be used to coerce Colombia and they are, therefore, desirous of remaining in the background until it shall be clearly established that no treaty can be made between Colombia and the United States.

One of the statements of facts in connection with the Panama route, which has been brought to the attention of the State Department is that the original canal concessions will expire in 1904, and it has been suggested that the Colombian government has that fact in mind and is disposed to refrain from making a treaty now in the expectation that the franchise will lapse and it may thus be in a position to build the canal itself or sell a new concession. Such a course would raise a very serious question in the Colombian government, the French Panama Canal Company, the French government, and the government of the United States as to whether or not a supplementary decree extending the concession ten years from 1904 was valid.

President Roosevelt laid before the Cabinet his annual message to Congress in complete form. It was sent to the printer today.

### H. & B. BEER'S COTTON LETTER.

(Special to News and Observer.) New Orleans, La., Nov. 25.—Liverpool was influenced unfavorably by the decline in London silver and the poor spot demand. Our market in sympathy opened from 9 to 10 points lower, but subsequently improved 7 to 8 points on the continuance of scattered rains in northern Texas and the expectation of freezing weather over night. The issuance of an 11,000,000 crop estimate by Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, about this time was construed bearishly, causing a break of 13 to 14 points from the top. Fresh buying near the close occasioned steadiness, making the net loss of 11 to 13 points on the day. Heavy rains have fallen over the central portion of the cotton belt during the past twenty-four hours. It is predicted that generally fair weather will prevail throughout the entire district tonight and Wednesday the temperature will fall over the southeastern portion. Otherwise changes will be slight. Frost is indicated for Oklahoma, northern Arkansas and the extreme northern portion of north Texas.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co.'s crop estimate of 11,000,000 had such a marked effect on the market, because they have always underestimated the actual output. In 1899 they estimated the crop at 9,767,000 and the crop was 10,400,000. Last year their estimate was 9,723,000 and the crop was 10,700,000. From the above it will be seen that their figures came from 600,000 to 1,000,000 under, consequently with such data the anticipation of a small estimate from the bureau has been offset to a considerable extent. The prospect of clearing and colder weather in Texas and the easier feeling together with the restricted demand for spots were also instrumental in assisting the decline. No disposition is shown to sell cotton pending the bureau, and sentiment continues very bullish. H. & B. BEER.

### Negro Poisoner Sentenced.

(Special to News and Observer.) Oxford, N. C., Nov. 25.—The negro who attempted to poison the family of Mr. Yancey last summer by Paris green in the food was convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary, to which place he was taken yesterday.