

PRESIDENT TODAY ATTENDS CEREMONIES IN NEW YORK

Dedication of Chamber of Commerce Building Held Today in the Presence of Eminent Men of This and Other Countries

Ex President Cleveland Speaks, Lauding Commerce as "Having Vast Influence in Curbing Man's Besetting Sin of Selfishness and Greed"

Nov. 11.—President Roosevelt today left for New York City to attend the dedication of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The President will be met in New York by the Mayor and other officials. He will then proceed to the Chamber of Commerce Building for the dedication ceremony.

President Roosevelt will be accompanied by the Vice President, Mr. Fairbanks, and other members of the cabinet. He will also be met by the New York State Governor, Mr. Throop.

The Chamber of Commerce Building is one of the finest structures in New York City. It was designed by the architect, Mr. Cass Gilbert.

The President will deliver an address at the dedication ceremony. He is expected to laud commerce as having a vast influence in curbing man's besetting sin of selfishness and greed.

After the ceremony, the President will visit the New York Public Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He will then return to Washington.

The President's visit to New York is the first since he was inaugurated. It is expected to be a very successful one.

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BAER'S REPLY TO THE MINERS' DEMANDS

Denounces Demand for Increase in Wages—Denies That Scale Is Too Low

Washington, Nov. 11.—The reply of George F. Baer, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal company, to the charges of President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, presented to the anthracite coal strike commission, was today made public.

Baer makes no reference to Mitchell as president of the miners' organization, but refers to him simply as an individual. Following is a brief summary of the response to Mitchell's proposals:

The demand for 20 per cent increase in wages on piece work is denounced as "arbitrary, unreasonable, unjust."

The company contends, after making necessary allowances for different conditions, that the rate of wages paid for mining anthracite coal is as high as that paid in the "bituminous coal fields."

The company denies that the present scale of wages is lower than that paid in other occupations in the same locality, controlled by like conditions.

Baer denies that the earnings of the anthracite workers are less than the average earnings for other occupations requiring skill and training, plus the charge that the earnings are insufficient because of the dangerous character of the work in anthracite mines.

The company promises an unjust and inequitable demand for a reduction of twenty per cent in the hours of labor without a reduction of the wages of time employees, and this demand is pronounced impracticable.

Baer says the company has no disagreement with any of the employees about the weighing of coal, because the quantity is usually determined by measurement, not by weight.

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Fire Caused by Careless Workman, Who Threw a Lighted Match Among Some Rags—The Men Supposed To Have Been Burned Are Safe

New York, Nov. 11.—All the men who, it was feared, perished in the fire which swept the great tower of the new East river bridge last night have been accounted for.

Today careful estimates of the damage are being made. This is difficult to approximate until experts ascertain the condition of the great cables, at least three of which may have to be replaced. If this must be done, a loss of \$600,000 will fall upon the contractors, and there will be much delay in completing the bridge.

The contractors who will be forced to meet the loss are the John A. Roebeling Sons Co., the Pennsylvania Steel Co. of Scranton, Pa., the New Jersey Co. of Jersey City, N. J., and the New York Bridge Co. of New York City.

The fire was caused, Engineer Hildebrand said today, by a workman throwing a lighted match among some oily rags.

The flames started at the Manhattan tower and did not stop until the wooden footbridge attached to the immense cables had been burned away. The shocks protecting the hoisting machinery on top of the tower, together with machinery it will be difficult to duplicate, were destroyed.

The blaze was 350 feet in the air and difficult for the firemen to reach.

A stiff breeze was blowing and the department could do nothing but prevent the flames from spreading on the buildings beneath the bridge.

Burning embers dropped into the East river and ships had to be moved to safety.

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Plenty of Coal To Be Had And No Danger of Famine

Southern Railway People Say Local Coal Dealers Are Crying "Wolf"—That There Is As Much Coal Coming In As Ever Before

Nov. 11.—According to the Southern Railway company, Asheville coal dealers are working a cry of "wolf," about the coal situation, for the purpose of maintaining higher prices. Their statements published in yesterday's Citizen are refuted by the Southern railway, who claim that "there is as much coal coming into Asheville now as there was last year" and that their assertion may be verified by the Southern railway's freight books. The Southern railway people have the following to say in regard to the situation:

According to the railway freight books 200 tons of coal were received here during October, 1901. In October, 1902, there were 352 tons of coal received—a difference of only 144 tons, or about five car loads. In November, 1901, 355 tons were received. Already 140 tons, or an average of five car loads daily, have come in this month, which according to the present rate will exceed the amount received last November. And last October and November coal weather had set in and coal was in great demand. There has been no cold weather yet and notwithstanding this fact as much coal is being received this year as last year and yet the coal dealers are trying to depict the situation as most alarming and putting up the old cry of coal shortage.

There is no coal shortage in Asheville nor is there any danger of there being any. Asheville is not threatened with a coal famine as the coal dealers would have the public believe. Coal is coming in at the rate of five car loads daily and there is no danger of the shipments falling under this amount.

The various coal yards in the city today the supply is as follows: Carolina Coal company—1,500 tons; Citizens' Coal company—1,000 tons; Asheville Coal company—500 to 600 tons. About 300 tons of coal for a month's supply is in the yards of the three leading companies, which are raising such a howl about the coal supply.

There has been no shortage in freight rates or coal and the local dealers have contracts with the coal operators they made last summer before coal took an advance and yet the dealers are charging 32 and 34 a ton more than last year.

LUMBERMEN TO BE HERE ON NEXT TUESDAY

Important Meeting of the Hardwood Dealers National Association to New York—Count Costa Is in the Party

The date of the hardwood lumbermen's meeting here this month will be next Tuesday. Mr. D. C. Cummings of Canada, who is in the city today, received a telegram this morning from Secretary Louis Doctor of the Hardwood Dealers' association, naming the date of the meeting and extending a cordial invitation to the local lumbermen to be present. The meeting will take place at the Hotel Berkeley.

The object of the meeting, as has been stated by the Citizens, is for the purpose of fixing a uniform scale of prices and of dividing the interests of the lumbermen who compose the Hardwood Dealers' association. The lumbermen interested in the movement say that the meeting is not for the purpose of forming a trust, but only for the purpose of mutual protection and to promote the interests of this fast growing section.

It is expected that the Asheville meeting will attract a large attendance, as the interests of a large number of well known lumber firms, is represented in this section.

Pearson Disconsolate

It was stated at the collector's office today that he was had been found by which D. C. Pearson could be appointed to fill the vacant clerkship in that office. Mr. Pearson spent a part of yesterday in the city looking over the situation and returned to his home in Morristown today.

Shot by Motorman

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 11.—J. A. Cahoon, a motor man of Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal company, today shot Captain William Tucker of the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking company three times and inflicted fatal wounds. Tucker was drawing a pistol to shoot Cahoon on account of trouble when Cahoon fired first from the platform of his car. Cahoon was arrested.

For high grade, coal and dry pine kindling phone 40. Asheville Ice and Coal Co. 11 11 tr