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STRIKERS HOLD OUT

Prospect of Settlement Has Not Improved.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION

Negotiations Believed to Be Going on, but Nobody Who Knows Anything Will Tell. Miners' Organization Can Do Nothing Until a Proposition Is Submitted—Trouble Breaks Out at the Washeries.

[illegible], Pa., Oct. 5.—The great an- [illegible] seems to be no nearer a [illegible] as anyone knows, than [illegible]. It is known that ne- [illegible] progress despite all of [illegible]'s denials, but with [illegible] be ascertained. John [illegible] B. Markle & Co., who has [illegible] with officials of the [illegible] for the last few [illegible] York, returned from there [illegible] declined to say anything [illegible] result of his mission. [illegible] of A. Pardee & Co., who [illegible] Mr. Markle in New York, [illegible] can be said as to what [illegible] will be, it is un- [illegible] presidents will agree [illegible] of ten per cent. on [illegible] the price of pow- [illegible] the semi-monthly pay [illegible] will return to work. [illegible] President Mitchell is simply [illegible] of the fight between [illegible] operators and the coal [illegible]. As a matter of [illegible] Mitchell cannot do anything [illegible] emanating from all the [illegible] companies and operators [illegible]

[illegible] strike situation in this [illegible] no notable changes [illegible] There are about 1,500 [illegible] of the 18,000 usually [illegible] about the mines, and [illegible] are steadily losing. Out- [illegible]-throwing by women [illegible] Lattimore colliery this [illegible] were no disturbances.

Too Serious for Joking

[illegible], Pa., Oct. 5.—Consider- [illegible] was caused at Wyom- [illegible] this morning, by a no- [illegible] Harry E. colliery of the [illegible] and Coal Company, order- [illegible] to return to work, and [illegible] strike off, signed John [illegible] President United Mine-Work- [illegible]

[illegible] the rumors of a settlement in [illegible] was at first believed. [illegible] the clearer-headed strikers [illegible] other collieries and finding [illegible] posted, concluded it was [illegible]. The strikers believe that [illegible] it as a joke, but say [illegible] joke if he is caught.

[illegible] trouble at the Nos. 8 and [illegible] of the Pennsylvania Coal [illegible] morning. They are run- [illegible] through each, the work- [illegible] Italians, and several efforts [illegible] made to stop them; but al- [illegible] force has decreased, many [illegible] work. This morning a num- [illegible] attacked the men at No. [illegible]. There was a great deal [illegible] for a time, but the arrival [illegible] officers caused the strik- [illegible] and the men went to work. [illegible] No. 10 washery several figures [illegible] names of workmen were [illegible] telegraph poles and trees [illegible] to the workings and some [illegible] were frightened into return- [illegible]. Others went to work, how- [illegible] the washery is still running. [illegible] of the strikers here are [illegible] today to remove the impres- [illegible] some of the strikers are in [illegible] but the fact remains they [illegible] for thirty or forty and are [illegible] applications each day. [illegible] companies will think they [illegible] when the condition of the [illegible] known.

Philadelphia Sends for Soft Coal

[illegible], Oct. 5.—A dozen barges [illegible] to Norfolk and Baltimore [illegible] to load with bituminous [illegible]

[illegible] in the Schuylkill district, [illegible] have been heard from [illegible] that the mines are [illegible] under the Reading Com- [illegible] notice to its employes. [illegible] demonstration of striking [illegible] made at Shenandoah to- [illegible] noon, where State troops [illegible] President Mitchell, [illegible] Mine Workers, and other [illegible] will deliver addresses. [illegible] of the Pennsylvania [illegible] at Mount Carbon have [illegible] work but five hours a [illegible] the strike. This order [illegible] followed by others of a [illegible]. There was to have [illegible] meeting of Panther Creek [illegible] at Lansford, but the [illegible] stay. The seven thou- [illegible] received their pay, went [illegible] there. All is quiet [illegible]

A Rift in the Clouds

[illegible], Oct. 5.—The feature of [illegible] the strike situation was [illegible] individual coal operators [illegible] of Trade rooms early this [illegible] It is said that it was a [illegible] representative gathering of [illegible] interests involved. Messrs. [illegible] E. L. Fuller and Rease [illegible] a committee that went to [illegible] to confer with the coal-carry- [illegible] are supposed to have submitted [illegible], after which it was given [illegible] meeting decided to approve [illegible] percent advance offered by [illegible]. Although the meet- [illegible] not confirm a report to the [illegible] individual operators had [illegible] with regard to coal [illegible] no doubt felt here that [illegible] were granted.

[illegible] Frederick Dilcher was [illegible] just previous to his [illegible] for the Panther [illegible]. When told of the action [illegible] independent operators it was [illegible] seen that he was highly [illegible] the situation as grad- [illegible] brighter. Mr. Dilcher im- [illegible] telegraphed Mr. Mitchell of the action and then rushed to catch his train. When asked "What can you say in regard to the action of the operators today?" he replied:

"This is somewhat of a surprise, but it seems to be along the right line. The move of the independent men surely means that the coal-carrying roads have awakened to the situation. Just say that the national officers of the United Mine Workers of America earnestly beg for the miners to remain firm to their cause, for victory is heaving in sight. Tell them all to defer action until they hear from President Mitchell. He will not be slow in taking in the situation, and at all times he is for the miners."

Report of Suffering Denied

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 5.—President Mitchell and miners' officials say there is no truth in the statement that the miners on strike or their families are in distress. They have issued a card to the public to that effect. This report, they charge, is circulated by the mine owners or their hired detectives for the purpose of weakening the position of the miners. It is on a par, they say, with the forged notice purporting to have been signed by Mitchell for the miners to return to work, and with the persistent rumor that President Mitchell has agreed to accept a ten-per-cent increase in wages for the striking miners.

Much indignation is felt here that forgery and other underhand methods should be used by mine owners or their mine bosses to mislead the striking miners.

Operators Will Offer Increase

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 5.—Nearly all the individual operators in this district have decided to offer a net increase of ten per cent and will have notices posted at their collieries tomorrow. Only the Susquehanna, Delaware and Hudson and the Pennsylvania companies are holding off, and these are expected to fall into line closely after the individual operators.

Another Company to Raise Wages

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 5.—Pardee & Co. posted this notice today:

"This company makes the following announcement to its mine employes. It will adjust its rates of wages so as to pay its mine employes, on and after October 1, and until further notice, a net increase of ten per cent on the wages heretofore received.

"Note.—It is understood in the foregoing that powder will be sold to the miners for $1.50 per keg, and that the difference between this rate and the old rate of $2.75 shall be taken into account in figuring the net advance of ten per cent, noted above, for this class of work."

President Mitchell said the notice would have no effect. There must be concert of action by operators before wage increase will be considered.

STRIKE IN WINSTON

Boys Make Unsuccessful Demand for Higher Wages

AFFECTS OTHER WORKMEN

Moonshiners Running Away from Court at Greensboro—Judge Boyd's Severity and Uncompromising Attitude Alarms Makers of Mountain Dew—Daniel and Tillman Invited to Speak at Piedmont Fair.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 5.—Special. About fifty lump tobacco machine hands in the new factory of the R. J. Reynold Tobacco Company struck for higher wages this morning. They were receiving sixty cents a day and demanded $4.50 per week for each machine operator. This was refused. President Reynolds says the boys are inexperienced, and that he was paying them all they were worth. He offered to give them one dollar a day if they would turn out eight hundred pounds of lumps per day. The strikers are mostly white and colored boys. Their stopping threw a number of wrapper stemmers out of work.

A number of blockaders, under bond for their appearance at Federal Court in Greensboro, jumped their bonds this morning and left for their respective homes. They were frightened by Judge Boyd's uncompromising attitude. Several defendants passed through Winston today, and they looked frightened. They said Judge Boyd was ruling every case to trial and refusing to compromise anything. This afternoon Judge Boyd fixed next Monday as the time for beginning the trial of the two Winston registrars who are charged with refusing to register negroes for the August election.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, have been invited to make addresses at the opening of the Piedmont fair and celebration of Winston's fiftieth anniversary on the 30th instant. It is understood that both will accept.

Mr. R. J. Reynolds, president of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, today offered to give one thousand dollars toward the erection of the Mills memorial workshop at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage when that institution raised $4,500.

YOUTSEY RULED TO TRIAL

Judge Cantrill Overrules All Matters in Behalf of the Defense.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 5.—When the case of Henry Youtsey, charged with being a principal in the shooting of Governor Goebel, was called in the Circuit court today, counsel for the defense moved a further postponement, alleging that the sheriff of Breathitt and Knox counties had made no returns for the witnesses summoned.

Judge Cantrill overruled the motion. He said the defense had been given ample time to prepare for trial, and must now proceed if the Commonwealth were ready. The Commonwealth insisted on trial and the judge ordered the regular panel of jurymen to be called.

Counsel for the defense then moved that the defendant be discharged, alleging that the indictment filed in this county was only a copy. This motion was also overruled

MORE WORK FOR ALLIES

Further Boxer Outbreaks Considered Probable

UNREST IN SOUTH CHINA

Rebellious Spirit Encouraged by Apparent Procrastination of the Powers—Chinese Troops Unable to Preserve Order in Kwaisin—Anti-christian Riots in Canton—Position of Foreigners Regarded as Unsafe

London, Oct. 5.—There is every prospect that before the allies take up the preliminaries for peace negotiations in China the armed forces of the powers will be called upon to suppress another series of disorders. Conditions in Southern China are most threatening and an outbreak is imminent.

A news agency dispatch from Hong Kong says that the southern part of the empire is in a state of great excitement. The Boxer spirit seems to have been revived by the apparent procrastination of the powers, and high officials here would not be surprised to receive tidings of further outrages against foreigners at any time.

A rebellion is threatened in Kwaisin. In this locality the Chinese regular troops have found themselves unable to maintain order, and the revolutionary element, encouraged by the weakness of the imperial forces, is likely to take the field at any moment. In the Canton district there has already been anti-Christian rioting, and several of the missions have been destroyed by crowds of Boxers and Boxer sympathizers. The general position of foreigners in Southern China is unsafe and the feeling of alarm is spreading, for an outbreak is likely to come without warning.

A dispatch from Shanghai, dated October 4, 11 p.m., says:

"It is learned here that the imperial offices of which Prince Tuan was recently deprived have been given to two Manchus. The tendency of recent appointments has been to promote liberal men, replacing the anti-foreign conservatives."

Seymour Accuses Imperial Forces

London, Oct. 5.—The Official Gazette tonight publishes a number of dispatches from Admiral Seymour, commander of the British fleet in Chinese waters, who led the allied forces from Tien Tsin in the unsuccessful effort to relieve the legationers at Pekin. The dispatches ran from June 27 to July 15, and in them the admiral describes his efforts to relieve the people at Pekin. He ascribed his failure to the fact, according to his own words, of "the Chinese imperial troops with whose government we were not at war, turning against us, conniving at the destruction of the railway, and probably actually joining the Boxers."

THE TURF AT MORRIS PARK

Winners in Yesterday's Races and Entries for Today's Events

New York, Oct. 5.—Results at Morris Park:

First race, 1⅛ miles, 6 hurdles—Mazo, even; Long Isle, 5 to 2; Holland, 25 to 1. Time, 2:47½.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Dr. Barlow, 7 to 2; Teleman, 8 to 5; Glenollie, 7 to 2. Time, 1:20¾.

Third race, ¾ mile—Hintine, 2 to 1; Pupil, 7 to 2; Dollando, 2 to 1. Time, 1:13¼.

Fourth race, eclipse—Talcose, 4 to 1; The Golden Prince, 5 to 1; Lord Pepper, 4 to 1. Time, 1:12¾.

Fifth race, 1 mile—Radford, 2 to 5; Support, 6 to 1; Lizzie Regent, 7 to 2. Time, 1:42.

Sixth race, 1⅛ mile—Instructive, 7 to 5; Favonious, 6 to 5; Charentus, 7 to 2. Time, 1:54¾.

Entries for Today

First race, all ages, ⅞, Withers—Rush 112, Alvarado II 112, Janice 92, Joe Frey 112, Trigger 92, Firearm 119, Midnight Chimes 107.

Second race, Hunter handicap, 3 year old fillies, Withers—Miss Hanover 106, Lady Elite 99, Iroquois Belle 115, Kamara 118, Star Chime 107, Oneck Queen 100, Killashandra 126, Belle of Lex 117.

Third race, nursery handicap, 2 year old, eclipse course—Beau Gallant 129, Bellario 123, Alard Scheck 122, Silver Dale 113, Eover 115, Handword 114, Gry Herm 113, Bedeck 110, King Lief 110, Smile 105, Beau Ormond 100, Canthus 92, Baron Pepper 100, Schorr entry.

Fourth race, champion steeplechase, about 3½ miles—Plato 154, The Bachelor 166, Trillion 170, Old Tank 157, Sir Hubert 142, Perion 160.

Fifth race, 2 year old, sell eclipse course—Gracious 92, Rolling Boer 110, Himself 105, Cherished 102, Marothen 104, Dactyle 102, Piederich 102, Moor 102, Billionaire 105, Animosity 97, Inshot 107, Shark 103, Quite Right 87, Kid 97, Gladerun 110, Lief Prince 105.

Sixth race, handicap, Withers mile—King Barleycorn 123, Pink Coat 126, The Amazon 106, Greenock 107, Cyrano 105, Kinnikinic 105, Duoro 108, Handcuff 97.

BOUNDARY MARKS FOUND

Discoveries that Lend Interest to the Dispute with Canada.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—A special to The Record from Tacoma, Wash., says:

"A new boundary marking has just been discovered in the disputed part of the Mount Baker district by surveyors of a railroad. They found the monument in the vicinity of Chilawahack Lake, in the middle of a wide swath which was years ago cut through the timber. If the boundary follows the line of this swath, Red Mountain and all of the disputed strip are on the American side. This is the third boundary mark to be discovered in that vicinity, one on Red Mountain, one to the west and this latest discovery. The report of the Dominion surveyors will be made in a few days and the boundary dispute will then be on a basis different from a miners' squabble. If the Canadians claim the line is south of the present location, the Washington authorities will be asked to make a survey at once."

HUNGER IN THE HOME

Violence Threatened in the Coal Mining District

BAD FEELING APPEARS

Ranks of the Disaffected Continually Augmented—Offer of Increased Wages Ignored—Eight Italians Attacked by a Party of Women—Another One of the Victims of the Riot Dies Leaving a Large Family.

Shennandoah, Pa., Oct. 5.—The situation throughout the coal region is less favorable today than it has been for some time. A settlement seems more remote, and hunger is beginning to appear in many homes. With hunger violence theratens, and many fear that serious clashes may soon occur.

The offers of the companies to grant a 10 per cent. wage increase have been practically ignored by the men, and instead of numbers going back to work, the ranks of the disaffected have been augmented by miners who have laid down their mining tools. Several more collieries are closed this morning, and the tie-up is nearly complete throughout the region. In the opinion of a large number peace is no nearer, and a long strike is predicted.

Eight Italians, employed on the night shift of the Calvin, Pardee & Co.'s colliery at Lattimore, were attacked in the public road leading from that place to Hollywood early this morning by 25 women, who had marched from Milnesville. The first non-striking mine workers to leave the colliery were the little band of eight Italians. They saw the women in the road ahead of them, and, suspecting an attack, crossed the field in an endeavor to avoid them. The women, however, were on the alert, and they also crossed the field, and overtaking the men, hurled showers of stones at them. The workmen did not attempt to defend themselves, but ran away and were soon out of reach of the fury of the excited women. One man received a severe cut on the head, while several of the others were struck by pieces of rock, but were not injured. The women retuned to their homes, satisfied with their demonstration.

There was to have been a march of men and women from McAdoo and Jeanesville to Lattimore early this morning, but for some reason it was called off at midnight. It may be made tomorrow morning. Some of the foreigners are beginning to show an ugly disposition. They are seen in greater numbers in the highways, and as some of them carry clubs, a collision between them and the coal and iron police may occur at almost any time.

Early this morning the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. reconsidered its determination to close down the North Franklin colliery at Trevorton, until after the strike was settled. Foreman William F. Luckenbill was notified to inform the men that the colliery would be run as usual today. At 5 o'clock the whistle was blown, but not over a dozen miners appeared in the streets in their working clothes. They had not gone far on the way to the breaker before they were stopped by men who had worked yesterday. After a little persuasion all the miners returned home, saying they would not go into the mines until the trouble was ended.

Edward Coyle, a miner, aged 50 years, one of the victims of the riot here two weeks ago, died today. While the riot was in progress Mr. Coyle left his home to look after the safety of his children, when a stray bullet struck him below the heart. A widow and large family survive him.

TO DEFEND REGISTRARS

Big Array of Legal Talent Retained

The Election Cases Set for Trial Monday by Judge Boyd—Chairman F. M. Simmons on the Scene

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 5.—Special.—Judge Boyd, in the Federal Court today, set the election cases—being the cases against the registrars from Forsyth, Burke and Montgomery counties—for trial Monday next at 12 o'clock.

Chairman Simmons heard of the indictments while in Asheville and immediately came to Greensboro. He has telegrphed counsel in Raleigh, Morganton and Troy, and employed local counsel in Greensboro to appear in these cases. Messrs. C. B. Watson, J. C. Buxton, R. B. Glenn, Clement Manly and E. B. Jones, of Winston, will also appear as counsel. Messrs. King and Kimball and Z. V. Taylor, of Greensboro, have also bee nemployed.

Mr. Simmons will attend the trial of these cases personally and it is said that about five hundred friends of Registrars Wall and Thompson from Winston will be here Monday.

Great interest is manifested in these cases and much criticism of ex-Chairman and District Attorney Holton for his numerous and prolonged visits to the grand jury room, is heard.

BURGHERS REMEMBER

Berlin Council Will Not Congratulate the Empress on Her Birthday

Berlin, Oct. 5.—The municipal council, at a secret sitting, has decided not to send the customary letter of congratulation to the Empress on the occasion of her forty-second birthday, October 28. This action of the burghers is due to the policy pursued by the Empress last year, when instead of returning thanks to the burghers for the congratulations of the council, she sent a letter expressing dissatisfaction over the council's unwillingness to vote funds for a church she was building. This attempt of the Empress to interfere in municipal politics gave great offence at the time, and the action of the burghers shows that it has no tyet been forgiven.

TITTERED AT A FUNERAL

James Was Reminded of a Circus Elephant at the Wrong Time.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—A fine of five dollars in the police court and the breaking of his engagement with Kate Schindler are the double punishments inflicted upon James Hawes for laughing at the funeral of the woman who was to have been his mother-in-law. Hawes was arrested while the funeral was going on. In the police court he said in his defence:

"Your honor, the old lady and me did not get along well. Some friend had sent a floral offering in letters reading, 'Gates Ajar.' The piece was placed on the altar upside down, and suddenly I read the lettering, 'Raja,' and I immediately thought of the circus elephant by that name, and I tittered. The young woman to whom I was engaged looked angry, and I tittered some more. Then they had me arrested and charged with disturbing the peace."

The justice read him a lecture and fined him five dollars, which he paid.

Railroad Taxation in Michigan

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 5.—Governor Pingree will call a special session of the State legislature to be convened at Lansing Wednesday or Thursday of next week. The object is to consider a joint resolution authorizing submission to the people at the general election next month of a constitutional amendment to permit the taxing of railroads and other corporations on the value of their property instead of specifically upon their earnings, as at present. The Atkinson act, which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court a short time ago, provided for this change.

Sword Duel Results Fatally

Paris, Oct. 5.—A duel with swords was fought yesterday between M. Marlier, a member of the municipal council of Bar-Le-Due, Department of Meuz, and M. Ferretti, a deputy from that department. M. Marlier was killed by a sword thrust through the dungs. He was the challenger.

A Club with Four Names

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 4.—Special.—A Bryan-Stevenson-Carr-Kitchin Club was organized tonight with 106 members. J. C. MacRae, Jr., was elected president. Several speeches were made and there was much enthusiasm. Col. Carr will address the club soon.

MR. DUKE GIVES AGAIN

Trinity College Receives Another Hundred Thousand

GIFT A GREAT SURPRISE

Announcement Made Before the Student Body and Received with Cheers. Speeches Made in Behalf of the Faculty and Citizens of Durham—Mr. Duke's Gifts to Trinity Exceed Half a Million Dollars.

Durham, N. C., Oct. 5.—Special.—At a mass meeting of the student body of Trinity College tonight President Kilgo announced that Washington Duke had informed him that he had given to the trustees of the college one hundred thousand dollars. The announcement was greeted with tremendous applause and cheers by students and citizens present. At chapel service this morning Dr. Kilgo announced that the day would be observed as a holiday and at the night meeting he would state the reason for this action. All the students were out tonight and the gift of this fortune was a great surprise. J. H. Southgate, president of the board of trustees, stated that the matter would be brought before the board at an early meeting and he would use his utmost endeavor to see that the gift was accepted. Professor Plato Durham spoke in behalf of the faculty and P. C. Sneed for the citizens of Durham. Throughout the students gave yell after yell for Trinity, Duke, Southgate and others.

After the speaking was over the student body and faculty voted unanimously to petition the directors asking that in future October 5th be observed as a holiday, to be known as "Benefactor's day," in commemoration of the great gifts Mr. Duke has made to this institution.

In all Mr. W. Duke has given Trinity College over five hundred thousand dollars. Ten years ago the college had an endowment of about forty thousand dollars, and now it has about seven hundred thousand, the richest college in the South Atlantic States. In addition to the gifts of Washington Duke. B. N. Duke has given nearly one hundred thousand dollars, and recently J. B. Duke gave a handsome library which will cost from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars.

There were fire works and bonfires on the athletic grounds after the meeting tonight, and then the students and faculty marched in solid phalanx to the residence of Mr. Duke to thank him for his magnificent gifts.

A Republican Canard Exploded.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Lula D. Hay of Jacksonville, Ill., has sent to Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, a sworn denial of the story alleging that she knew W. J. Bryan to have been paid $150,000 to cause a silver plank to be incorporated in the Kansas City platform.

Englishman Wins Golf Championship

Wheaton, Ill., Oct. 5.—Harry Vardon of Ganton, England, won the open golf championship of the United States here this afternoon, finishing two strokes ahead of his nearest opponent.

THE STATE OF TRADE

The General Situation Is Considered Favorable.

OUTLOOK IS PROMISING

Most Favorable Reports Come from the South Where Ten Cent Cotton Inspires Unusual Activity—Weakness Is Noted in Sugar and Strength in Hog Products—Some Lines of Business Waiting on the Election.

New York, Oct. 5.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Despite some irregularity, both as to demand and prices, due partly to warm, rainy weather, but likewise to reflection of a hesitancy to embark largely in new business, general trade is favorable and confidence as to the outlook for business the balance of the year is notable. Some diminution in the volume of jobbing business is noted at large western centres, and continued rainy weather in the northwest alike checks the movement of wheat to market, injures the grade of the same and discourages retail and jobbing distribution.

Ten cent cotton is the key to very favorable reports which come from the South, and the character of reports from this section is more nearly favorable than for many years past at this time.

The indisposition to contract heavy as to the future is perhaps most marked in the iron and steel trade, and here also the most marked tendency towards weakness in the crude forms of production is noted.

The industrial outlook has been improved by the signing of the tin plate scale, but the anthracite coal situation is, on the surface at least, rather more unafovrable than a week ago, more mines and miners being idle and the product steadily diminishing.

Special weakness is noted in the sugar trade, owing to the practical break of the raw sugar corner, as much as to the passing of the canning season and the reported intention of refiners to reopen the war in prices. Special strength is noted in provisions and hog products, in which the very strong statistical position is receiving more attention. The strength of the railroad situation is reflected in earnings fully equal to last year and in some instances larger, and the announcement that rates are to be advanced November 1st.

Business failures for the week number 177, as against 169 last week, 146 in this week a year ago and 163 in 1898

Business as Dun Views It

New York, Oct. 4.—Dun's review tomorrow will say:

The anthracite strike settlement has been delayed another week and the effect upon business in the east is more apparent, though distribution in the West and South seems no less active. Seasonable weather in the east would quickly aid matters. Prices are slightly lower in wool, coal and sugar, but the produce and textile markets are firm, and in all departments of business an effort by distributors to increase transactions would quickly advance prices. Bank clearings for the week at New York show only 8.2 per cent. decrease from 1899, on account of the Dewey holiday last year, and 8.9 per cent. gain over 1898. At the leading cities outside New York there is 7.0 per cent. decrease from 1899 and 15.9 per cent. gain over 1898.

The most interesting financial development was the further drop of 1 cent in the pound in sterling exchange, completing a decline of 2 cents in two weeks, without any important change in our money market. At the same time London rates for discounts have strengthened materially, though the Bank of England made no change in its rate, in which an advance had been expected. Cotton shipments are producing about double the exchange they did a year ago, and as the crop is being moved with funds shipped from New York and without gold imports from Europe, the net result is that New York is loaning foreigners about half the value of the crop.

Most manufacturing concerns are delaying extensive production until after election and are buying little raw material. Pig iron has declined on small orders and was also depressed by the cut in Southern freight rates. Finished material and structural lines are steady, and export buying does much to prevent dullness.

Sales of wool at three chief eastern markets 3,417,265 pounds, exceeding every week since August, but still insignificant compared with last year, and Coates Brothers' average price of 100 grades October 1st was 19.64 cents, against 20.37 September 1st.

Wheat is steady. For the week Atlantic exports were 3,252,994 bushels, flour included, against 3,562,062 in 1899. Lower stocks at Chicago caused a sharp rise in prices of pork products. Cotton prices are maintained near the top. Mills are not active, as the present price of raw material is out of proportion to quotations ruling in the goods market.

Chinese Astonished

Shanghai, Oct. 4.—The astonishment of the Chinese was great when today they received official notification from the victory to the effect that foreign pressure had necessitated the degradation of prominent members of the counrt.

The new German cable from Chefoo to Tsin Tau has been opened.

It is reported that the allies will demand an indemnity which will aggregate 40,000,000 pounds sterling $(200,000,000.)

Wrecked Sailors Murdered by Savages

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 5.—The steamer Miowera, from Australia, brings from Los Negros a story of the wrecking of the trading bark Almond, which ran ashore on a coral reef and was surrounded by hundreds of savages, who murdered Captain Lyne, First Officer John Garland, Second Officer Peter Mullen, three white and fifteen native sailors by beating them to death with clubs.