

## A NEW MOVE TO END THE STRIKE

### Coal Road Presidents Invited to Meet Mitchell at White House to Confer on Situation

Washington, Oct. 1.—This afternoon Secretary Cortelyou made public the following copies of telegrams sent by the president to coal railway presidents and John Mitchell, leader of the striking miners:

White House, Washington, Oct. 1, 1902.

Geo. F. Baer, President Reading Railway System, Philadelphia, Pa.

W. H. Truesdell, President Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, 26 Exchange Place, New York.

E. B. Thomas, Chairman of the Board, Erie Railway Company, 21 Cortlandt Street, New York.

Thomas P. Fowler, President New York, Ontario & Western Railway Company, 56 Beaver Street, New York.

R. M. Okpant, President Delaware & Hudson Company, New York.

John Markle, 527 West Thirty-fourth Street, New York.

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The giving out of these telegrams followed a long conference which began at the White House at 10:30 this morning. Secretary Root returned from New York this morning and he joined Attorney General Knox, Postmaster General Payne and Secretary Moody, who participated in the two conferences yesterday as to the coal strike. Later Secretary Shaw, who got back from New York this morning, joined the other cabinet members. All of them remained with the president until nearly noon, when Postmaster General Payne and Secretary Moody left for their respective departments, stating that later in the day Secretary Cortelyou would give out a statement.

About 1:30 o'clock Secretary Root and Attorney General Knox left the White House, but would say nothing definitely pending the statement. Strong inferences were conveyed, however, that full discussion had been given to the possibility of legal action and that the idea of doing anything in this direction had been abandoned.

Secretary Shaw was the last cabinet officer to leave the White House. It

## Republicans Fearful of Losing the Next House

### A Historical Precedent is a Source of Uneasiness to the Leaders—A Member Who Brings Things to Pass

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Oct. 1.—Last week the Democratic leaders were indignant that Senator Harris of Kansas should have come out in an interview and expressed the opinion that it would be best for Democracy to lose the house. Now Joseph H. Manley, the Republican state chairman in Maine and a Republican leader in the nation declares that it would be of advantage to the Republican party to lose control of the house in the fifty-eighth congress. Both feather legs are subjects of severe criticism by members of their own party as a result of their utterances. There is no doubt that they will lose the house and they are taking little stock in the view entertained by Mr. Manley.

While the Republicans have not been able to take in the boogie for campaign purposes they are putting up the stiffest fight of which they are capable. So long as the Democratic leaders attempted to make the Philippine subject a leading issue the Republicans were little concerned over the result, but after Speaker Henderson crystallized the tariff and the trusts into the great issue as the result of his memorable retreat they began to realize that the chances of success are all against them.

The fight of political managers in both parties during this campaign is history. As has the house gone off in years ago the presidency at the following elections. There is not a single exception to the precedent. It will be the hottest kind of a fight until the day of election.

was stated this afternoon that President Roosevelt expressed satisfaction over the measures taken by Secretary Cabinet officers likewise congratulated him.

The copy given out by Secretary Cortelyou is an exact reproduction of the telegram sent to each of the heads of the coal companies and to John Mitchell. The names of all the coal mine presidents are included in the telegram that was sent to each individual member, so that all the executive heads of the coal companies would know that each had received a similar telegram and that John Mitchell had also been telegraphed to.

It is not believed for one minute that there will be a refusal on the part of anybody invited to attend the conference at the White House Friday next, and there is widespread confidence in administration circles this afternoon that the conference will end the coal strike. The plan that has been formally adopted as the solution of the coal strike among those that were considered at the White House yesterday, but at that time the president was not aware of just how such a suggestion would be met. His first intention was to see if it was possible to bring about legal proceedings against the coal companies, and with that purpose in view Attorney General Knox for the last two days consulted all laws bearing upon this phase of the situation. Mr. Knox reported yesterday afternoon and again this morning that he could not find the slightest ground for legal interference.

### Coal Operators Will Go

New York, Oct. 1.—In response to an invitation received from President Roosevelt today the coal operators are going to Washington this week to talk with him about the coal strike.

"Of course the operators will go," said an officer of the Erie, "simply as a matter of courtesy to the president of the United States, but there is only one way to settle the strike and that is for the men to go to work. This settlement could have been brought about long ago if it had not been for outside interference."

"That has been the bane of the whole affair for two months. The governor of Pennsylvania, or Senator Hanna, or President Roosevelt interferes and begins to talk of this or that remedy, and that prolongs the strike because it encourages the strikers to hold out uselessly a little longer to see what will happen next. Suppose for instance the strikers had seen ready today to come to terms and then read of this invitation of the president. They simply decide to stay on strike."

J. Pierpont Morgan was asked for his opinion on the new development in the situation.

"I think," said Mr. Morgan, "that it is an admirable thing for the operators to accept President Roosevelt's invitation and tell their story in Washington."

None of the men who are going to Washington would comment on the action of the president in inviting them or predict any result.

Mr. Markle made a statement before hearing from the president to the effect that there are not state troops enough in Pennsylvania to protect the mines and federal troops should do the work.

### Senators Want to Know Why American Forces Are Not Withdrawn

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Senator Morant said that he had asked the executive why the American troops were in Cuba but has received no reply. He moved that the executive be asked whether the remaining of the American troops in Cuba depended upon the Cuban artillery being ready to take their places. Some objection was made on this on the ground that President Palma might be embarrassed by the question as he might have no understanding with Washington on the subject. The matter was referred to a committee of the senate at being decided extra-officially that before reporting the committee should find out from the executive the conditions under which the American troops have remained in Cuba. Some of the senators argued that if the American troops were to remain in Cuba until a treaty was signed there was no hurry in dealing with the matter.

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### Strikers Wreck a Train

Tamaqua, Pa., Oct. 1.—Tonight a mob of strikers placed an obstruction on the Central Railroad of New Jersey tracks near Lansford and wrecked a coal train. An engine and several cars were thrown from the tracks. When a number of company employes from a nearby colliery attempted to clear away the wreckage the strikers attacked them, and in the encounter several were injured. Word was quickly sent to the camp of troops at Manila Park, and a troop of cavalry and a company of infantry were sent to the scene.

The wreck blocked the Central track for over two hours, all passenger trains being delayed.

## HUNTING A CRIMINAL WHERE ALGER IS "AT"

### Buncombe's Sheriff Will Leave No Stone Unturned

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 1.—Special—No clue as to the negro brute who criminally assaulted Mrs. Lillian Spivey near Fairview Monday has been obtained. The country in all directions has been scoured, but the fiend's tracks seem to have been completely covered up. Sheriff Lee, yesterday afternoon made a trip to the Fairview section and made another trip there this afternoon. He again telegraphed to Marion this morning and asked the sheriff of McDowell county to go to Bakersville and ascertain if any negro convict had escaped from Mitchell county. Mr. Lee has also wired the warden of the penitentiary to know of any escaped convict from any part of the state doing road work. A letter has also been written by Mr. Lee to Governor Aycock explaining the situation and asking that a reward be offered for the negro's arrest. Sheriff Lee has sent out circulars to all sections of this state, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, containing a full description of the negro.

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### The New Michigan Senator Defines His Position

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 1.—General Russell A. Alger, who has recently accepted a tender of the vacant Michigan senatorship, delivered himself today of his views on important current questions. The following are some of the things he says he will do when in the Senate:

He will vote for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people and will be a friend of Cuba and Cuban reciprocity.

On the question of ship subsidy he would not commit himself further than to indicate that he was disposed to regard the measure to subsidize vessel interests much the same as the senators who are opposed to letting the people elect them.

On the subject of tariff revision Gen. Alger is even more closely reticent than he is on ship subsidy.

Radical measures for the remedy of trust evil and the conditions that have produced the coal strike will hardly have a supporter in him.

"I have never declared for public ownership," he exclaimed.

"How about the election of senators by direct vote of the people?"

"I have long been in favor of that. My own selection now is practically a selection by the people."

### WAS NOT MENDOZA

### A Victory That Did Not Amount to Much

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Sept. 30.—President Castro of Venezuela, after leaving Valencia September 19 at the head of an army of 6,000 men with seventeen guns, with the announced intention of attacking the insurgent force at Tucuyto, commanded by General Mendoza, reached San Juan de Los Moros, near Villa de Cura, believing that Mendoza was there, but the president found only 1,500 local guerrillas at that place, and after a sharp fight the latter were routed. The government incorrectly announced the engagement as a victory over Mendoza's army, whereas that general is near San Sebastian, ready to effect a junction with the forces of General Moros.

The final success of General Matos is believed in Venezuela to be certain, and as a result all securities on the bourse at Caracas are rising.

The Venezuelan government recently refused to grant the request of a delegation from the inhabitants of Barquisimeto who wished to obtain permission to introduce provisions into the town through Tucacas, the only available port. The misery at Barquisimeto is almost indescribable. The inhabitants have been without provisions from the outside for forty-five days. Cases of yellow fever and typhus have been reported.

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### ZOLA'S FUNERAL

#### A Member of the Cabinet Will Deliver an Oration

Paris, Oct. 1.—The cabinet met today and discussed the question of a national funeral for the late M. Zola and the interment of the body in the Pantheon. Both propositions were decided in the negative. M. Chamille, minister of public instruction, will represent the government at the funeral, and will make a speech in honor of the late author.

Madame Zola accompanied by her doctors, visited the room where her husband's body lay this afternoon. She expressed a desire to attend the funeral. The medical advisers fear dangerous consequences may be the result of the strain if they allow the widow to attend, but she declares she will be equal to the occasion. She will leave Paris after the funeral for rest and a change of scene.

Ex-Captain Dreyfus visited the house this afternoon and remained for some moments beside the coffin in the study, which has been transformed into a chapel ardente. The funeral will take place on Monday and the body will be buried in Montmartre cemetery. The postponement was the result of the government's decision to take part in the services.

### SHED TEARS OF JOY

#### The Wilcox Family Hear of the New Trial

Elizabeth City, N. C., Oct. 1.—Special. The first intimation of the reaching of a decision in the Supreme Court hearing of the Wilcox case arrived here yesterday noon in a telegram to Sheriff Grandy from Governor Aycock. It read: "If Supreme Court grants Wilcox a new trial, and violence is feared, call military assistance, which is at your disposal."

This was followed at sundown with a wire to the effect that a new trial had been granted.

The decision was announced and received with no little surprise. Tom Wilcox, Jim's father, was among the first to hear the decision. Tears of joy dimmed his eyes and he hastened home to his family. It is said that the mother and sisters wept for joy. The prisoner did not hear the news until the morning. He displayed no emotion. To the sheriff he indifferently said "Thank you." The Croxseys have not expressed themselves, though any student of human nature can read disappointment in their faces.

The military of this and adjoining towns is in readiness, but is not needed. No demonstration has been made. The decision was quietly received. The decision is not generally known in the surrounding country, and at this early writing the views of rural natives cannot be ascertained.

### Green McAdoo Captured

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 1.—Special.—Green McAdoo, the negro who murdered his wife here because she refused to go with him to the coal fields three weeks ago and for whom a reward of three hundred dollars is offered, has been caught in Pocomantas, W. Va. He at first denied his identity, but a telegram just received states that he has acknowledged it. Steps are being taken by officers tonight to secure requisition papers and send after McAdoo.

### Preparing for D. of C.

New Bern, N. C., Oct. 1.—Special.—At a meeting of New Bern chapter Deputies of Confederacy held this afternoon at the home of the president, Miss Oliver, all arrangements were perfected for the entertainment of the North Carolina Division to be held at New Bern October 15, 16 and 17. The

## Hisses Stir Pritchard Up to a White Heat

### He Says Craig Was a Boss Nigger Radical in Bertie.

### The Debate Becomes Interesting

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 1.—Special.—Seven hundred people heard Pritchard and Craig speak in the opera house here today, the crowd being with Craig but plainly more evenly divided than at any previous meeting. Both speeches were along lines heretofore reported. Senator Pritchard opened the debate, making for the first half hour the same speech made here at the Republican state convention. Mr. Craig followed with his customary eloquent array of charges against the senator and his party.

In his fifteen minutes rejoinder Senator Pritchard was shelling the Democrats as having appointed negroes to office and their talk of white supremacy being a shame. At each period the Republican contingent would go wild with delighted shouts. Presently in a full and awful sound of hissing gibbering around the building made him pale with astonishment and anger. Mr. Craig rushed to the front to beg that it be stopped, when Pritchard waved him aside, saying: "You shall not make it appear that I need your protection. If a single Republican in my section were to treat you so, I should pitch him out the window."

"There was no other period of hisses but Pritchard did not condescend to notice it."

Senator Pritchard said when negroes dominated the Republican party Craig was down in Bertie county with them—a boss nigger radical—and from there he went to Asheville and was a warm Republican until his political turncoat proclivities landed him on the side of successful Democracy. Hisses were intermingled with delighted shouts from the Republicans.

Mr. Craig was not present when this was said, but came in just as it was concluded. Being told that Senator Pritchard referred to him as having been a Republican, when Pritchard concluded he asked the privilege of a statement. This was refused. Mr. Craig tonight was highly indignant when told what Pritchard had really said, and there is no doubt he will make things hot at Labor tomorrow. Mr. Craig declares that he left Bertie county at the age of fourteen and cast only one Republican vote in his life—for Blaine in 1884.

The Republican part of the audience was composed largely of federal officials from all sections, while the Democratic contingent consisted of probably twice as many local Democrats. Democratic Chairman Scales introduced Mr. Craig, both receiving plenty of flowers. One hundred ladies and fifty negroes were present.

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### MINERS ENCOURAGED

#### But Mitchell is Not Building His Hopes High

Wilkesbarre, Oct. 1.—There is a happy group of strike leaders at headquarters here this evening, spurred by the president's invitation to Mr. Mitchell to believe that the end of the strike is nearly at hand, while throughout the region each mining village is adding to the rejoicing. President Mitchell is elated, but he has a cleaner head than the others, and he knows that the meeting may have no greater result than that with Governor Stone some weeks ago. Tonight he said:

"The strike situation remains just as it has been, except that many of the imported workers at the collieries are quitting and joining the union."

Of the possibilities of the Washington conference he will not speak. He will take with him District President Duffy, Fahy and Nichols, although they were not invited to attend the meeting. He hopes, however, that President Roosevelt will include them in the invitation, it being his policy to have the three present at all conferences.

### TAKEN AS A JOKE

#### Sheriff Has More Prisoners Than the Jail Will Hold

Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 1.—The sheriff of Columbia county is on his way to Bloomsburg, the county seat, with 115 prisoners who were arrested by him last night on a charge of riot at Centuria, where a body of miners riddled a railroad coach with stones. Sheriff Knorr attended a meeting of the miners and read the names of those he wanted. Contrary to his expectations, the men took the matter good-humoredly and all surrendered. Instead of giving bail for appearance at court, as was expected, they all agreed to waive a hearing and go to jail.

If the prisoners insist on going to jail they will be unable to quarter them, as the jail will accommodate less than thirty. The miners treat the matter as a joke, as they are glad to be supported a few weeks by the county.

### DAVIDSON DEFEATS OAK RIDGE

Davidson, N. C., Oct. 1.—Special.—Davidson defeated Oak Ridge today by a score of 28 to 5. Davidson's line held the visitors. The visitors scored a drop kick by Glenn. Davidson's team work was good for so early in the season. Fumbling was the only fault. The feature of the game for Davidson was the generalship of Kirkpatrick and Mills and the all round work of center man, Glenn played the best game for the visitors.