CONFERENCE WAS A FAILURE age of income from this system had resulted in a class of labor far inferior, the mines, and had exhibited itself in the brutality and violence of the recent December Official Sanction

Settlement of the Coal Strike Apparently as Far Off as Ever

They Refuse to Listen to Any Proposition Originating with Him

The President Urges All Parties to Sink Private Advantage for Public Good

Calamity of a Fuel Famine in Cold Weather Presented by Cold Weather Prese Make Demands

to bear upon the coal operators and | together. the striking miners in behalf of an umicible agreement came to a disastrous end in the presidenc's sick room at the

o'clock this evening. Tenight the coal operators who came to Washington at the invitation of the preaden; are asleep in their private cars in the railroad yard after spending the early part of the evening in an interchange of views as to the remarkable proceedings of the day and staying things about the president of the United States which, while good natured, could not by any stretch of imagination be representative of the striking miners and the lieutenants who came to Washington with him, are saying to their friends just what they said before the white house conference mer this morning, which is that they have felt all the time that the president's characteristic act was a mere flash in the pan and could all end in a sharp crack and lots

President Faer, will be back in New mined to keep up the fight.

The six coal presidents called on Secmobs of striking workmen. Secretary and walked to a car. Ment Roosevelt to take. Autorney Gen-

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himself at present, but it is well known dent of the Delaware & Hudson.
that he had mapped out in his mind John Markle, coal operator.

APPEALS ALL IN VAIN | yesterday what course he thought he sylvania. Mr. Olyphant sent as his should pursue in case today's conference personal representative David Wilcox, should fail, as it has falled. Tonight vice-president and general counsel of the he received a few visitors, including road, and President Cassatt sent a tele-one or two members of the cabinet, gram to the president explaining that he but they expressed themselves as being was unable to be present. utterly in the dark as to the president's | During the conference the president next act. These men know what his was seated in a large invalid chair, his

the President in Most Ear
Judging from what the members of the cabinet and other public men who are in Washington tonight say, the president by the situation in the anthracite trade—cannot now go further than to convene the operators, the miners and the general Congress in extra session and ask for public. I speak for neither the operators are the operators. mation on the Situation the necessary authority to operate the tors nor the miners, but for the general anthracite coal mines by the force and public. The questions at issue which power of the United States government. led to the situation affect immediately Given by Carroll D. Wright.

But the good lawyers among the presistate concerned—the operators and dent's advisers are clear in their minds the miners; but the situation itself vital-that even Congress has no gower to by affects the public.

Something to Be Said on the United States government. led to the situation affect immediately would be pleased to hear any answer ne was willing to make.

Mr. Baer then submitted a statement, which will be found among others foltoness the state of Pennsylvania unless by the reasonable hope that these matters could lowing this report. Both Sides-The Operators request of the legislature or governor be adjusted between the parties, it did of that commonwealth. The governor not seem proper to me to intervene in of Pennsylvania has made no request any way. I disclaim any right or dute President Roosevelt's dramatic effort to end the coal strike and refleve the coal famine by bringing moral sunsion of Pennsylvania. To a man up a tree, therefore, it looks as if the president has phe impending over a large proportion therefore, it looks as if the president has of our people in the shape of a winter workers, were much impressed with the phe impending over a large proportion views you expressed and the dangers to of our people in the shape of a winter with the welfare of our country from a profuel famine by bringing moral sunsion

miners, as he makes no concealment of temporary white house shortly after 5 his belief that the coal famine is due his belief that the coal famine is due in a large measure at least to mismanthe situation and to say that its gravity workers whom we have the honor to agreement on the part of the operators is such that I am constrained urgently represent, we have after most careful

It is thought that Mr. Roosevelt will take some definite action. All Washsee what the president will do next, and of the town, John Mitchell, the official same state of painful suspense. In the dent best, the people will not have long to wait. It is possible that he may, after reflection, decide to do nothing. This is the or I ton of some of the members of his cabinet.

President's Gnests at the Conference Washington, Oct. 3 .- resident Roosevelt met the heads of the coal carrying rords of the anthracite coal field of The operations with the exception of Pennsylvania, John Markle an operator, President Mitchell of the Mine York tomorrow morning and Mr. Mitch-eil will have departed for Buffalo, both Knox, Secretary Cortelyon and Commiseldes, so far as could be learned from sloner Carroll D. Wright at the tempothem conight, more than ever deter- rary executive mansion 2 Jackson place at 11:10 o'clock this morning.

went for the purpose of discussing with that the conference would be resumed

Root entered into a full discussion of No plan was submitted at the conferthe question from a constitutional stand- ence, President Roosevelt contenting asked where they could be seen, Presi- call a convention and recommend a repoint. He argued that the federal gov- himself with a vigorous statement urg- dent Baer remarked to the newspaper sumption of work, upon the understandernment had no authority whatever to ing an immediate settlemen. He said men: "Gentlemen, what we want is to ing that the wages which shall be paid

dent Cleveland's first administration dents Duffy, Nichols and Fahey left Attorney General Knox left the White read statements. Mr. Fowler asked perthat no request from the governor of the the White thouse after the conference House. state as in the case of Couer D'Alene they returned to their hotel, where they troubles in Idaho. These two cases were closeted during the afternoon. Mr. conference a large crowd had assembled ment of his views in behalf of the New

the president has no authority to disposch federal soldiers to the scene of until it was time to leave for the second mained at the Baltimore & Ohio station The coal operators do not hesitate to the attitude they will take, on the ground that they regard as a grandstand that it would be discourteous to the president's intrusion upon a president to disclose their intentions or the conference this morning Mr.

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Will resign my position. That is a fair proposition. That is a fair example of their statements previous to submitting the present strike is untrue. If they money rates continue firm. The activity the present strike is untrue. If they will name the men and will show that the present strike is untrue. If they money rates continue firm. The activity the present strike is untrue. If they money rates continue firm. The activity the present strike is untrue. If they have been an adversarial the present strike is untrue. If they have been adversarial the present strike is untrue. If they have been adversarial the present strike is untrue. If t

him to make the next move any prospect of a settlement of the investigation of the anthracite strike. So far as I know, there have been seven cases materially and particular firmness some. This is probably what strike. He replied that he could not the investigation of the anthracite strike. He replied that he could not the investigation of the anthracite strike. Wright, it is understood, scored both deaths, unfortunately. No one regrets has been displayed in the soft coal group. The anthracite carriers were also favor-

The conference marked the second step in the president's efforts to effect a settlement between th anthracite coal magnates and the miners. Every person who had been invited to participate was

present with the exception of President Olyphant of the Delaware & Hudson road and President Cassatt of the Penn-sylvania. Mr. Olyphant sent as his personal representative David Wilcox,

next act. These men know what his opinions on the subject are, for he has left leg extended at full length, resting talked with them freely many a time upon a cushion. The president greeted within the past fortnight, and while they most cordially each of the visitors as do not know what he intends to do, they appeared, and when all were assemthey are firm in the belief that if he bled he stated to them in a brief prewishes to be consistent he must do something.

The president's two local advisors in the importance of the communication The president's two legal advisers in the importance of the communication all this business—Secretary Root and that he was about to make, had pre-Attorney General Knox—have had noth- pared a carefully worded paper, setting forth in detail his position on the pend-

The President's Earnest Appeal

The president said:
"I wish to call your attention to the

for troops and has never intimated to to intervene in this way, upon legal the government at Washington that a grounds or upon any official relation that this morning, we the accredited repreanxious thought, to believe that my duty But it is not at all certain that this is requires me to use whatever influence so clearly pointed out. Conscious of

of the mines who, he thinks, have fined to insist that each one of you realize consideration and with the hope of retheir pockets at the expense of the heavy burden of responsibility upon lieving the situation and avoiding the people, whatever crimes may have been him. We are upon the threshold of sufferings and hardships which would committed by the union against those winter, with an already existing coal inevitably follow in the wake of a coal whom they have prevented from going famine, the future terrors of which we famine, decided to propose a resumption not be long in making up his mind to palling that it seems to me that you ter suggested. are not only justified in sinking, but | "Before doing so, Mr. President, we ington is waiting with bated breath to required to sink for the time being any desire to say that we are not prompted regarded as flattering. In another part undoubtedly the whole country is in the the matter at issue between you. In doubts of the justice of our claims. In my judgment the situation imperatively opinion of those who know the presi- requires that you meet upon the com-

crying needs of the people. individual sacrifices for the general

place at 11:10 o'clock this morning.

The first session of the conference did not last half up hour, the railroad presi
o'clock. He said he hoped that some agree to accept your award upon all or agree to accept your award upon all or agree to accept your award upon all or he asked them to take into consideration any of the questions involved.

"If you will accept this responsibility the evening and had a long talk with dents leaving the temporary White proposition might be presented at that

an adjustment. him their proposition that the president should send federal troops to Pennsylvania for the purpose of protecting non-union miners against the attacks of his party also appeared in the street refused to say anything except the terminated. It agreement for not less than one year had lasted just fifteen minutes. The or more than five years as may be representatives of the roads came down mutually determined between them-stairs and went to their carriages. They had lasted just fifteen minutes. The or more than five years as may be refused to say anything except to say anything except to say anything except to the or more than five years as may be refused to say anything except to say would meet again at 3 o'clock. They ers and will pay the scale of wages would not say where they were going which you and the tribunal appointed to make their headquarters. When by you shall award we will immediately that he expected no proposals or plans get some place where you can't find us, are to go into effect the day upon and the strike at Chicago during President Cleveland's first administration dents. Duffy Nichols and Fabry left the Cleveland's first administration of the condition of the limit that he expected no proposals or plans get some place where you can't find us, are to go into effect the day upon and where we will not be interrupt al."

Then they drove away. President Mitchell and his party followed soon after, which work is resumed."

When Mr. Mitchell and District President Mitchell and his party followed soon after, which work is resumed. At this point in the proceedings to say anything. A little later refusing to say anything. A little later refusing to say anything. A little later refusing to say anything. The which work is resumed."

Long before the hour fixed for the were the only ones presented by the coal official caller at the White House. The first official caller at the White House was his purpose in regard to a settlement of the action which they desired Pres-The representatives of the railroads of the strike situation, and the president desired to obtain from him what he considered important features of the condition between the operators and

which he made in connection with his maligned. The truth of the matter is, served, however, to rally prices, in some the public at large, so far as its views separate statement to the president.

The declared that it would be a great them more than I do. Three of them ably affected by President Roosevelt's mistake unless this strike was settled were committed by the coal and iron they are also of the opinion they are also of the opinion that President Roosevelt, President of the Injured States.

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the coal strike and the private views which he is known to held and to have the cabinet which he is known to held and to have the cabinet which he is known to held and private with he is known to held and private which he is known to held and to have a many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from among the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused one twice as many men as they needed from the follows.

Thomas P. Fowler, President of the swarms of eastern European if necessary, that lightning caused to th its invitation to idleness, it had brought about existing troubles. The low aver-

much of a spirit on the the part of the operators to see how much could be made out of the property without suffi-cient regard to broader obligations or ultimate results. Commissioner Wright was inclined to John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers.

P. C. Knox, Attorney General of the United States.

George B. Cortelyou, Secretary to the President.

Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of the Commissioner Wright was inclined to believe, however, that there was not such a combination among operators as to bring them within the pale of trust proceedings, and that a legal investigation of this point would find the operations which they had to the "recognition" of Mitchell's union were not, the commissioner pointed out, wholly fanctiful. There was danger in the union of hard coal with soft coal miners, the of hard coal with soft coal miners, the latter interest being so much greater. Proper discipline in the mines was

MITCHELL SPEAKS

He Proposes a P.an and Defends the Miners' Organization

threatened by too much unionism.

After the president addressed the conferees this morning Mr. Mitchell said: "Mr. President:-I am much impresswith what you say. I am impressed feel that we are not responsible for this terrible state of affairs. We are willing to meet the gentlemen representing the coal operators to try to adjust our differences among ourselves. If we can not adjust them that way, Mr. President, weare willing that you shall name a that have resulted in this strike, and if the gentlemen representing the opera-

tors would be expected to answer Mitch- Star said said coday: ell's proposition. The president said he

Mr. Matchell then made his statement:

"Mr. President: At the conference longation of the coal strike, which you the president's views of the case. Plain- I personally can to bring to an end a the responsibility resting upon us, conly his sympathies are with the striking situation which has become literally in- scious of our duty to society, conscious of our obligations to the 150,000 mime

> deferring to your wishes, we are promptmon plane of the necessities of the pub- ed by no fear on our part of our altillty to continue the contest to a successful "With all the earnestness there is in issue, thanks to the generous assistance me. I ask that there be an immediate rendered us by our fellow workers in resumption of operations in the coal this and other lands. Thanks to a jusa day's unnecessary delay, meet the tice loving American public whose sympathies are always on the side of right, "I do not invite a discussion of your we are able to continue the struggle inrespective claims and positions. I ap- definitely. But, confident of our ability peal to your patriotism, to the spirit that to demonstrate to any impartial tribusinks personal considerations and makes na! the equity of our demands for higher wages and improved environments, we When the president concluded the read- propose that the issues culminating in ing of his statement he said he did not this strike shall be referred to you and expect that either party would be ready a tribunal of your own selection, and

him in regard to the situation. They douse about 11:39. They announced time which would furnish the basis of crators will signify their willingness to have your decision in corporated in an The conference then terminated. It agreement for not less than one year

mission to submit at a later day a state-

of labor. He has made an investigation he had anything further to say. Mr. Mitchell said:

Revelations by Commissioner Wright the present strike is untrue. If they money rates continue firm. The activity are not contained in the written report how our organization and our people are under the influences of financial danger,

(Continued on 2nd page.)

Receives Official Sanction

The mechanical equipment of the mines themselves is not up to date, the commissioner added. There has been too Secretary of War Approves a Survey--Judge Douglas, Senator Pritchard and the Court of Claims

Washington, Oct. 3.-Special.-On the recommendation of General Gillespie chief of engineers, the secretary of war has approved a project for a survey of the territory between Norfolk, Va., and Beaufort, N. C., in order to determine the most advantageous route for the establishmel n by the government of an inland water route between the

Again the story is abroad that Judge Douglas is desirous of receiving the one of the law offices here, and finding with the gravity of the situation. We appointment to the vacant judgeship on hamself unable to keep up his studies the count of claims. It is said that any longer without some pecunilary asfriends of the judge in Washington are sistance went to Stephen A. Douglas, backing his candidacy. The Star this with a letter of introduction from an evening prints a story to the effect that old teacher. The senator at once or-Senator Pritchard is suspected by Judge | dered his carriage and drove the young Douglas' Washington friends of cover- man to one of the departments where a ing the appointment. These Washing- clerical position was discovered to tribunal who shall determine the issues ton friends of Judge Douglas are badly

Senator Pritchard is not bothering tors will accept the award or decision of about this position, which he could get and will work for his constituent's apsuch a tribunal the miners will willing- if he desired. His eyes are turned to- pointment can not be predicted. There ly accept it, even if it is against their ward the new circuit judgeship that is is a suspicion among the supporters of to be established. When the time comes | Judge Douglas that Senator Pattchard The president then suggested adjourn- he will have the support of Elkins, Mcment to think over what he said. When Comas and others, who are residents the November elections have made corconference was resumed in the of the fourth circuit, of which North tain his retirement from the Senate, afternoon Mr. Baer asked if the opera- Carolina is a part. This is what the

"No decision is expected from the Grant."

president for some days regarding the vacancy on the court of claims. The friends of Judge Robert M. Douglas of the Supreme Court of North Oarolines are still urging his appointment, although he has never announced himself as a camdidate. While nor an applicant for the place, it is believed by his friends that if it came to him in the right way he would accept, and so a number of leading attorneys here have united in a petition to the president recommending the appointment.

"Considerable sentimental interest attaches to the consideration of Judge Douglas' name, on account of his mark. ed resemblance to his distinguished father and the fact that he has been a life long Republican. One of the oldest and most respected Washington lawyers told an interesting story when Judge Douglas' penition was presented to him, illustrative of the practices of a generation ago.

"The narrator was then a student in which the young man was immediately appointed.

"How energetically Senattor Pritchwould like the position himself after

"Judge Douglas was for a short time the private secretary of President

The Trade Situation is Generally Favorable

state of lawlessness exists in the state I bear to the situation; but the urgency sentatives of the anthracite coal mine Summing Up for the Past Nine Months Indicates Prosperous Condition in the Country

New York, Oct. 3.-Bradstreets

at Large

morrow will say: turns of nine months' financial, com- 163 in 1898. In the almost uniformly flavorable repossibilities are so far-reaching, so ap- of coal mining upon the lines hereinaf- mercial and industrial operations, the only depressing note is the growing 319,810, is the heaviest total reported acuteness of the coal situation which for a like period since the week ending has passed out of local and state cogtenacity as to your respective claims in to suggest this course because of any nizance and become of national importmuce and interest. Much has been ex- year. pected of the conference called for the latter part of the week at Washington and the entire community has hailed it with satisfaction as likely to result in the pointing a way out of the critical situation, in which the industrial world

The rourns of failures, clearings and thte other items bearing upon the results of three-quarters of year, operations at hand point to conditions having speculation and comparison with a pe- man in Robeson county and one of the riod a year igo, when deplorable occur- most useful, passed away today at 2:15 rences at Buffalo had thrown a camper p. m. 'Mr. Proctor's death had been exon general ousinss activity do not en- pected for two days, and only excellent tirely pain the immense increase shown medical attention and nursing sustained in widely separated sections and the him so long. only remaining conclusion s that un- A gloom is cast over the whole town, larger crops at higher prices, immense who counted his friends by the hundreds. cattle recipts and unsurpassed indus- He was a trustee of Wake Forest Coltrial activity are characterable with the lege and of Robeson Institute, to the numerous and heavy gains shown Fail- latter of which he had often spoken of ure returns, too, are almost entirely fa- bequeathing a portion of his estate. upon vorable, the number of embarrassments his death, and to the success of which being the smallest with two exceptions, he had recently given much time and in ten years and the liaabilities being the thought. lightest with one exception in twenty

tic reports from the south advices from visitors will be present. that section are generally of a fair to Mr. Proctor was only forty years of good trade with improved collectio's. age. His father is still living. He New Orleans is an exception owing to leaves one sister, the wife of Sheriff Mcnumerous strikes already declared or Leod. His wife was Miss Lizzle Dick, threatened and retail business is report- daughter of the late James Dick of ed paralyzed thereeby. Some of the re- Greensboro. His oldest son is a student sponsibility for the rush of cotton to of Wake Forest College, whence he was market said to be the scaurcity of called by the critical illness of his money which is noted at the Memphis father. market, but premature ripening is still claimed to be the main causee.

Wall street's apprehensions, caused by the financial stringency, have been re-"The charge made by the gentlemen lieved by the action o fthe treasury dethat twenty murders have been commit- partment and stock prices have develted in the anthracite coal region during oped general strength, even though

fore. The quieting down in the cruder forms is due to scarcity of fuel and of pig-iron, necessitating shutdowns of steel mills, as much as to the flood of foreign iron, which appears to be steadily in-creasing. Special investigation shows that receipts of foreign iron and steel in August exceeded 140,000 tons, but it is worth noting that exports of iron and steel and their products, mostly machinery, are still more than double the imports for that month. Business failures for the week ending

Thursday, October 2, number 164 as again 172 last week, 175 in this week

Bank clearings for the week, \$2,715,reflects an increase of 14 per cent over last week and 26 per cent over last

ROBESON BEREAVED

An Useful Citizen Lost in the Death of E. K. Prector, Jr.

Lumberton, N. C., Oct. 3.-Special .ben largely favorable. Activity in stock Mr. E. K. Proctor, Jr., the most beloved

precedented fail trade, the moving of for the deceased was a many-sided man

The funeral services will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock, when it as ex-Except for a few scattered pessimis- pected that a number of distinguished

Mr. Proctor's own death is not all the trouble in his home. One of the twomonths old twins died two days ago; the other is sick, likewise little John.

COAL FROM ENGLAND

Large Orders Received, but Freights Are Advancing

London, Oct. 3 .- Inquiries made at Liverpool show that large orders for Lancashire and North Wales coal coninue to be received from America, but the exporters have great difficulty in

Rather less strength is noted in some and lowest paid laborers in the United lines of the iron and steel than hereto- States."