

SETTLED AT LAST.

Reported That Mine Owners Want to Arrange Terms

WILL NOW RECOGNIZE THE UNION

Owners Agree to Submit All Issues to a Commission Appointed by the President.

Washington, Special.—The operators have agreed to the appointment of a commission to whom shall be referred all questions at issue between the companies and their own employees...

By authority of J. Pierpont Morgan, who with his partner, Robert Bacon, and Secretary Root, were in conference with President Roosevelt at the temporary White House Monday night...

The managers of the different coal properties comprising the anthracite coal fields, with their position in the present strike to be understood and therefore make the following statement of facts...

Mills Enter Merger. Huntsville, Ala., Special.—Seven Huntsville cotton mills have signed the agreement to enter the Southern Textile Company...

Sunday Coal Trains. Durham, N. C., Special.—Major W. A. Guthrie left for the western part of the State to consult Governor Aycock and obtain, if possible, his sanction for Sunday coal trains to be run in North Carolina...

Demand Federal Interference. New York, Special.—David Wilcox, vice president and counsel for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, has sent to President Roosevelt a letter demanding that the Federal government proceed against the miners' organization...

Insanity Cured by a Fall. In London a gentleman of high rank, whose name has not been revealed, recently became insane on the subject of religion...

Found in Desk of Dead Policeman. New York, Special.—A fortune of over \$100,000 was found in the desk of Police Captain J. J. Donahue at the place in the station house, where he dropped dead last week...

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Wilkesbarre, Pa., Special.—From a thorough canvass of the situation as it exists there is every indication that believing that the new arbitration plan proposed by the president of the coal companies will not be accepted in its present form...

There is a division of opinion among the strikers, but there is no doubt that a majority feel that the offer to have the President of the United States select an arbitration commission along the lines suggested by the operators is not fair and that it unduly limits the President in making up the board...

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All of the important sugar cane production in the States except Texas, report conditions below their respective 10-year averages. This reduction amounts to 2 points in Georgia, 5 in South Carolina, 17 in Florida, 15 in Mississippi, and 15 in Alabama, while Texas is 2 points above such average...

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OUR WONDERFUL CROPS

Production of the Farms This Year Breaks All Records.

The country's grain yield this year will not only break all previous records, but it also bids fair to establish a figure that will be difficult for any future year to equal. The various crops have now reached a stage where they are practically safe from the vagaries of the weather, and where the reports of acreage and conditions may be accepted as accurately indicating the actual harvest.

The corn crop will, of course, surpass all others in its volume and value. The most conservative estimate places the yield at 2,495,081,000 bushels, or practically 1,000,000,000 bushels larger than last year. The first year in which the corn crop reached a total of 1,000,000,000 bushels was 1870. In only six of the 32 years since then has the actual crop harvest been in excess of 2,000,000,000 bushels. The present corn crop will surpass all of these record-breaking years by something like a quarter of a billion of bushels.

So much attention has been given to the enormous corn crop that the great yield of other cereals has been largely overlooked. Only one crop will show a yield smaller than that of last year. The wheat crop is estimated at 610,611,000 bushels, as against 748,460,000 bushels harvested last year. The wheat crop of 1901, however, was a record-breaker. The crop this year is largely in excess of the average yield. The estimate of 610,611,000 bushels compares with 620,000 bushels in 1900, 547,304,000 bushels in 1899, 530,149,000 bushels in 1898.

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When the figures for all six of these crops are added together a most impressive result is shown. The total estimated yield of the six is no less than 4,411,911,000 bushels. The highest total ever shown before was 3,572,610,000 bushels. It is difficult to overestimate, as a prominent financier declared a few days ago, the enormous crop means as affecting the prosperity of this country. They are the most solid of the foundations beneath the superstructure of prosperity that the United States is now enjoying. Every farmer and every citizen who has a share of the enormous increase in purchasing power that has been added to this country through these immense crops.

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TALK WAS RED HOT.

Governor Odell Gives Coal Operators a Well Deserved Roast.

NEW YORK EXECUTIVE HITS HARD.

He Tells Mr. Baer That the Owners of the Mines Have Not Acted With Fairness to the Public.

New York, Special.—"What do you mean by politicians? I want you and all the other operators to understand that I am the Governor of New York, the chosen representative of 7,000,000 of people, and that I am here in this matter solely in that capacity and to relieve if possible an intolerable situation. And what is more, I intend to use every power at my command to do it." Governor Odell made this statement to President Baer, of the Reading Railroad, in the presence of United States Senators Platt, of New York, and Quay and Penrose, of Pennsylvania. It was the culmination of a rather heated interview in the office of Senator Platt and the result of the first meeting between Governor Odell and President Baer. Mr. Baer was not in the best of humor when, accompanied by E. B. Thomas, chairman of the board of directors of the Erie Railroad, he entered Senator Platt's office. The conference was begun by a statement made by Senator Penrose that the situation was becoming so serious that some solution must be found at once. He suggested that operators should incline to some concessions toward a settlement. If you mean by that," said President Baer, "that we are to recognize the existence of a labor union, I tell you right now that the operators will consider no such proposition."

Governor Odell was on his feet in an instant, holding a half burnt cigar in his hand and white with excitement, he said: "Are we to understand that no kind of conciliatory proposition will receive consideration at the hands of the operators?" "I did not say that," answered Mr. Baer, "but I do say, and I reiterate it, that we will not accept political advice or allow the interference of politicians in this, our affair."

Then it was that Governor Odell threw the door wide open and stepped to the beginning of this article. President Baer, evidently appreciating that he had gone too far, bowed to Governor Odell and said: "Governor, I beg your pardon. No personal affront was intended and we will listen to any suggestion you may have to make; but again I repeat that we must refuse to recognize the union as represented by Mr. Mitchell."

"I believe," said the Governor, "that your position from a public view is absolutely untenable. If coal operators, railroad men and other business men can combine for mutual profit and protection, there is no reason why laboring men should not."

"What is the proposition?" asked Mr. Baer, coldly. "Just this," said Governor Odell. "I am sure that the labor organization, of which Mr. Mitchell is head, desires him to be fair with the general public. If the operators will consent to give the men five cents a ton increase, I will personally present it to the miners and I believe they will accept it. It is a fair proposition."

"Does this mean, Governor Odell, that we are to recognize the miners' union?" Mr. Baer asked. "It certainly does," answered Governor Odell, quickly, "and there is no reason why you should not."

Mr. Baer and Mr. Thomas rose to go, Mr. Thomas remarking that the matter would be presented to the other operators and that an early answer would be forthcoming. The committee of the Manufacturers' Association on Tuesday and we may have an answer then."

The conference broke up. Mr. Baer and Mr. Thomas withdrawing. Senators Platt, Penrose and Quay talked over the matter for a short time and Pennsylvania announcing that they would go back to Harrisburg and discuss the situation with Governor Stone.

Killed By Explosion. Anderson, S. C., Special.—As a result of the premature explosion of a dynamite charge at Portman Shoals, nine miles west of this place, Friday morning, James White, of Norwich, Conn., foreman of the quarry gang, was instantly killed, and three negroes injured, one fatally. White was employed by a construction company of Palmer, Mass.

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