

# Great Coal Strike Finally Settled.

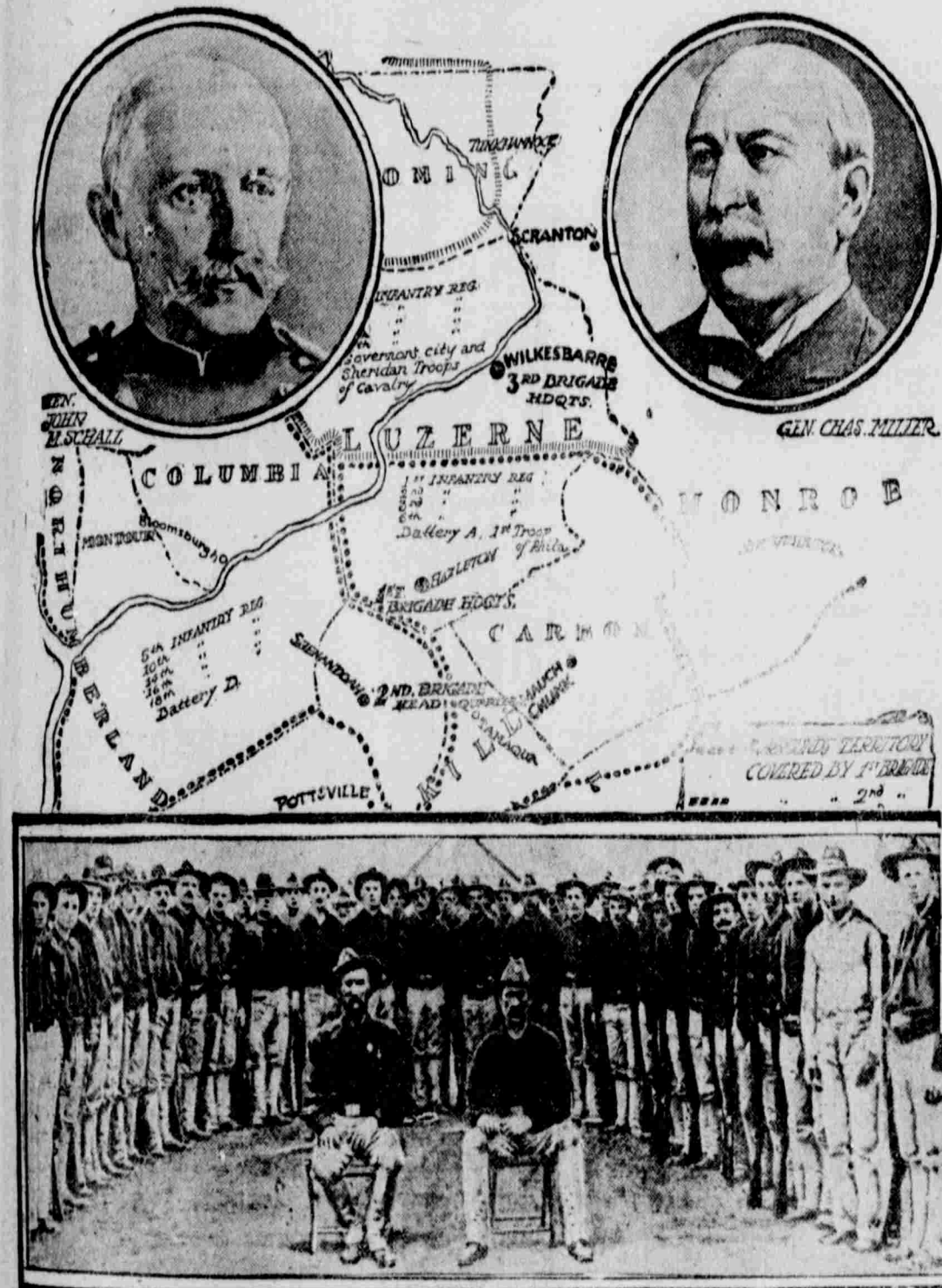
Common Ground of Agreement Reached—President Names Commission of Six Persons, Which is Agreeable to All Parties—Mitchell Will Take Necessary Steps to Call Strike Off—Break-Up of White House Gathering.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The strike is settled. Secy. Root announced at 1 o'clock this morning that a common ground of agreement had been reached. The president has named a commission of six persons to settle the strike which is perfectly agreeable to all parties. They are: Brig. Gen. John M. Wilson, E. W. Parker of Washington, D. C., connected with the geological survey, Judge George Gray of Delaware, E. E. Clark of Cedar Rapids, Ia., Thomas H. Watkins of Scranton, Pa., Bishop John L. Spalding of Peoria, Ill., and Carroll D. Wright.

## PERSONNEL OF COMMISSION.

Gen. George, judge circuit court United States circuit since 1899; born Newcastle, Del., May 4, 1846; son of Andrew C. and Elizabeth M.; graduate of Princeton, 1869 (A. M. 1893, L. L. D. 1899); studied law at Harvard; admitted to the bar 1863; practiced at

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The calling out of the entire national guard of Pennsylvania to maintain order in the coal fields shows more than anything else the stupendous proportion of the greatest industrial struggle of modern times. Twenty thousand armed troops were deemed necessary to protect life and property and uphold the law during the great strike. Not since the time of "Homestead" has such a great military display been used for a local disturbance.

Newcastle 1867-'69, afterwards at Wilmington; married Margaret J. Black, attorney-general of Delaware 1879-'85; United States senator 1885-'99; Democratic member of the foreign relations and judiciary committee in the senate; in 1894 affiliated with National Gold Standard Democrats; member of peace commission, Paris, 1898; appointed by the president member of joint high commission at Quebec, 1898; member of international committee of arbitration under The Hague convention, November, 1900, hence, Wilmington, Del.

Paris, Edward Wheeler, statistician United States geological survey and expedition special agent Twelfth census United States; born Port Deposit, Md., June 21, 1846; son of William and Henrietta; educated in common schools there and Baltimore and in City College, Baltimore; author of annual reports on production of coal in United States, production of gold in United States and other chapters in annual volume United States geological survey, volume, 1728 Riggs Place, Washington, D. C.



## ATTORNEY-GENERAL STEWART.

Adjutant-General Thomas F. Stewart, who, as Governor Stone's command, ordered out the entire militia of the State of Pennsylvania to strike duty.

## WILL CALL THE STRIKE OFF.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The great anthracite coal strike is settled at last. A commission of six persons, with a seventh, Carroll D. Wright, as recorder, will adjust differences between operators and miners. President Mitchell of the Miners' union will take the necessary measures to call the strike off. The president will urge immediate resumption of mining, and the operators are expected to begin next week.

Announcement that the great strike was off was made by Secy. Root with exuberant good humor at the White House shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

Organized labor has a representative on the commission in the person of E. E. Clark, grand chief of the Order of Railroad Conductors, named as a sociologist. The president added Bishop

## MITCHELL IS VERY CAUTIOUS.

Wilkesbarre, Oct. 16.—President Mitchell arrived here from Washington at 1:35 this morning. He was met at the station by National Secy. Wilson. The Associated Press bulletins of the outcome of the Washington conference, that the strike was settled, were read to him while he was surrounded by a small army of newspaper men. He was immediately congratulated, and in reply to a request for a statement, he said:

"Your congratulations should be withheld until six representatives on the commission are, I understood before I left Washington that there would be a sixth man and that he would represent labor. The whole matter will be placed before the joint meeting of the three executive boards of the anthracite region at their next meeting at 10 o'clock this morning. I will wait up to see the full statement issued by Mr. Cortelyou."

In reply to the question whether he would comply with the president's request that coal mining be resumed immediately he said he would make a more definite answer when he knew more about the matter. Only the newspaper correspondents were at the headquarters when the news was first received about 20 minutes before Mr. Mitchell arrived. The news that a common ground agreement had been reached is sure to be received with great rejoicing throughout the entire region.

After his interview with the reporters in the hotel lobby Mr. Mitchell went to his office on the second floor, where he was closeted with Mr. Wilson.

## HEALTH OF THE NAVY.

Surgeon General Risley Says It Was Good All the Year.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The first annual report of Surgeon General Risley shows that the health of the navy and marine corps was good throughout the past fiscal year, the percentage of sick and the death rate being lower than for several years. The most important recommendation of the report, perhaps, is that Congress provide for the establishment of a woman's corps for the navy, to consist of one supervising nurse, 5 head nurses, 16 first class and 24 second class nurses, these numbers to be increased at the discretion of the secretary. The surgeon general says:

"That women are the superior of men for the work of nursing them can be no question, and the objection that they are not compatible with military conditions can scarcely apply to institutions of the character of our large naval hospitals."

The surgeon also makes a strong plea for the appointment of dentists for the navy, pointing out that many otherwise good recruits for the service are lost for lack of dental care.

An earnest statement is made by Admiral Risley of the present entirely inadequate medical force under his command. He shows that whereas since the Spanish war the medical corps has increased only 15 per cent in numbers, the naval strength has increased 70 per cent and the examinations for re-enlistment 102 per cent. He submits a recommendation for the appointment of 150 more medical officers and refers to a number of resignations during the past year owing to dissatisfaction with the outlook for promotion and the fact that the corps was undermanned.

A post graduate course for the novice in the medical corps is said to be a necessity and the first step already has been taken in the transfer of the medical school from New York to Washington. Carrying out his idea of the education of medical officers, Admiral Risley further recommends that after each cruise surgeons should be given a period of duty either at home or abroad in some of the great medical centers, where they would have opportunities to get in touch with the march of the medical progress.

Based on the experience of the Spanish war is the recommendation that at least two permanent hospital ships, one for the Atlantic and one for the Pacific, should be constructed. These should have the right to fly the Geneva flag.

has practically applied his knowledge.

Thomas T. Watkins, Scranton, Pa., as a man practically acquainted with the mining and selling of coal.

Bishop John L. Spalding of Peoria, Ill. The president has added Bishop Spalding's name to the commission.

"Carroll D. Wright has been appointed recorder of the commission."

President Roosevelt tonight resumed consideration of the strike situation. In returning from a drive, the president consulted with Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor and chief of the military or naval service of the United States.

Later two strangers to those about the temporary White House called and were shown upstairs at once. These gentlemen were Robert Bacon and George W. Perkins, members of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. The conferences with the four gentlemen named lasted from 7 to 8 o'clock, and then the president walked to Secy. Hay's to dinner, while his two visitors went to the Arlington hotel.

About 10 o'clock President Roosevelt re-entered the White House, accompanied by Secy. Root and then immediately re-embarked on the consideration of the settlement of the coal strike. Later a stranger called, answering to the description of one of Mr. Mitchell's partners, and was shown at once into the room where the President was by Secy. Cortelyou.

At 11:50 o'clock Messrs. Sargent and Wright returned to the White House and were shown into Secy. Cortelyou's office, their visit being in accordance with an understanding when they left about 8 o'clock that they would return later in the evening.

At the White House they remained in Secy. Cortelyou's room only a moment, going thence to the quarters where the president and Secy. Root were in conference.

The first sign of a break up of the conference was at 12:55, when Secy. Cortelyou came from the conference room and announced to the waiting newspapermen that an official statement of the strike situation would be made in about half an hour. Shortly after 1 o'clock Secy. Root came out, laughing and happy, and spread the glad tidings that a common ground of agreement between the operators and miners had been reached, and that the strike was practically ended.

When the gathering broke up all present were in high good spirits and there was a general exchange of congratulations.

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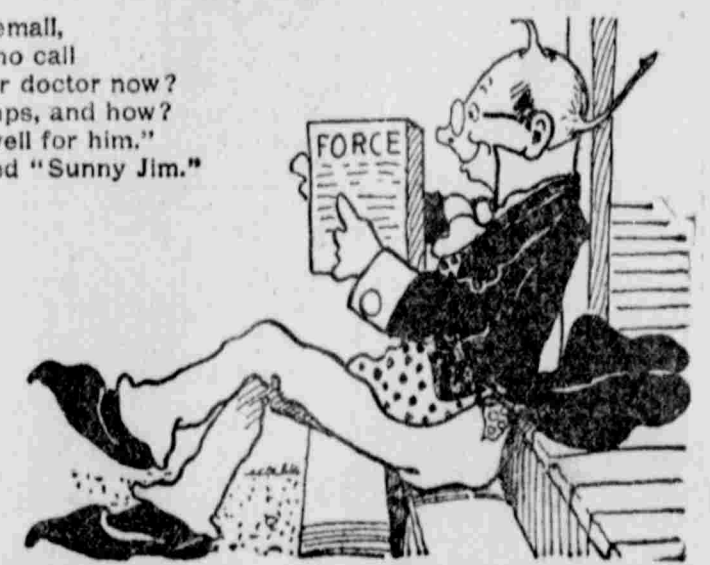
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