

NO CALL MADE AS YET

Announcement of Convention of Strikers is Looked For Today.

LEADERS OF MINERS MEET AT HAZLETON

President Mitchell Refuses to Discussable Action of the Men.

OFFICIALS OF UNION TO KEEP HANDS OFF

Belief Prevails that Offer of Ten Per Cent Will Be Accepted.

ANNUAL WAGE SCALE LIKELY TO BE ASKED

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WHERE HITCH IS PROBABLE

Operators and Miners Likely to Disagree Over Pay or Laborers at Coming Conference.

SHANTON, Pa., Oct. 7.—Now that a convention to consider the 10 per cent offer is assured attention is turned to the question of what the companies mean by 10 per cent in the case of the miner and his helper.

The miner works by contract and pays the cost of his earnings. As a rule the miner cuts six loads of coal, for which he gets \$5.00.

Out of this he pays for powder, oil and repairs for his tools and wages of his helper. The laborer's pay is fixed at much per day and in this region it averages about \$1.75.

After paying the laborer and the expense of powder, oil, etc., the miner has about \$2.30 left for himself. Ten per cent advance gives the miner 40 cents extra per day.

Just how the operators want this offer interpreted is not known here. The local operators say that the men who framed the offer either did not have in mind that the miner pays the laborer or else, having been misled, figured the laborer out at 10 per cent.

The matter of a call for the convention, it is understood representation was also considered. Three district presidents made full reports as to the condition of their respective districts.

President Mitchell, after the conference, said he would have something to say tomorrow in regard to the convention. If the date has been fixed, only Mr. Mitchell and his colleagues know it.

The opinion prevails that the miners will accept the increase. Most of the mine operators who have granted the concessions do not specify in their notices how long the advance shall remain in force.

It is not unlikely that an attempt will be made by the miners in convention to open negotiations with the operators looking toward an understanding in the matter.

President Mitchell and the other strong advocates of an annual wage scale arrangement, similar to that in force in the bituminous coal fields.

The operators in those regions meet their employees each year and fix the wage scale. If this proposition and that relating to the sliding scale are brought before the convention and negotiations with the mine owners are opened it might considerably delay the settlement of the strike.

Sheriff's Ultimatum to Marchers. A representative of the Associated Piers learned tonight that Sheriff Harvey has reached the limit of his patience in regard to the marching of large bodies of men.

He feels he has been as lenient with the crowds as he could possibly be, in the action of several hundred men in running the streets of the city.

Tonight a carload of the sheriff's deputies, fully armed, has been sent to the coal mines to start at a moment's notice.

A locomotive is nearby with steam up and all the telegraph operators on the Lehigh Valley system in this region are on duty for the purpose of sending messages to Sheriff Harvey.

Harvey calls on Mitchell. Sheriff Harvey called on President Mitchell at strike headquarters this afternoon and requested him as president of the United Mine Workers to use his influence to have the strikers refrain from further marching.

Nothing is likely today. As far as could be learned tonight there will be no marching tomorrow morning, in which event there is hardly likely to be any trouble.

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RUSSIA READY TO NEGOTIATE

American Withdrawal Will Bring Li Hung Chang and De Giers Together.

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When it was over the royal couple accompanied the children to the square where school children were assembled to the number of 4,000.

The children sang a popular patriotic hymn, while the prince and princess reviewed them.

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PEKING, Oct. 5 (Via Tien Tsin, Oct. 6, via Shanghai, Oct. 7).—By an imperial decree issued at Peking, capital of the province of Shan Si, dated September 25, Emperor Kwang Su denounces the Boxer movement and designates for punishment nine ringleaders.

He acknowledges his own fault and rebukes himself, but he places the chief blame upon the princes and nobles who participated in the movement and protected it.

Prince Tuan, Prince Chung, Prince T'ai, Prince Tzu, Prince Ying, Duke San Kang, Ying Nien, president of the censorate, and Chao Shu Chiao, president of the Board of Punishments, are all deprived of their titles.

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NINE KILLED IN TORNAO

Death List at Biwabik Much Larger Than at First Supposed.

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