THE NATIONAL COAL STRIKE.

THE WEST.

ONLY 3,000 ILLINOIS MINERS OUT.

The Men Still at Work in All the Other Western States All the Ohio Shafts Shut Down Many Thousands Go Into Idleness in the Pennsylvanta Regions Kansas and Missouri Men at Work.

Columnus, Ohio, April 23.-Reports received from the various mining centers of the country by the officers of the National Mine Workers' association up to I o'clock this afternoon are that the order for a national strike has been obeyed in this state, Oldo, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and that over 35,000 miners are now out. The reports from Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado are not so eacouraging to the officers, but they express the belief that as soon as the men in the west understand the situation they will join the strike and make it national. The Indiana block coal miners have a contract which will not expire until May 1, and in consequence will work until then.

It is an open secret in Columbus that the operators of this region are in sympathy with the suspension and hope the miners will win. The operators here desire to pay the scale proposed by the miners but are prevented by certain operators in the Pittsburg district who have been paying lower wages.

The strike promises to be the greatest in the history of the country. It will involve, if as great as anticipated, nearly 150,000 men and will stop work in mines that produced upward of 100,000,000 tons of coal last year in twelve states and territories. These miners received \$53,809,627 in wages in 1890, according to the eleventh census of the United States. In that year 139,886 mines produced 79-, 899, 108 tons of coal valued at 869, 390,-559. Should the strike be effective to the fullest extent anticipated the effect upon the business of the country will be incalculably injurious, as the strike will enforce the suspension of many factories and may seriously affeet the railroads.

The miners strike for the restorn tion of the interstate wage agreement which was abandoned during last summer.

All the mines of Jackson county shut down at 11 o clock and 4,000 men joined the great strike.

Seven hundred of the 840 employed in Pomeroy Bend had signed an agreement last night to abide by the terms of the strike. Five operators have signified their willingness to pay the price demanded.

IN PENNSYLVÂNIA.

Thousands Quit Work in the Coal Fields of the Keystone State.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 23.—The great coal strike, so far as this district is concerned at least, appears to be a success. At noon the 6,000 men in the river district and the 6,500 in the railand, receiving their wages, quietly left the mines. Dispatches from the Clearfield district report that the 13,000 men there also struck and that the mines are generally closed. In the Phillipsburg region, east of the mountains, all the mines are idle and 5,000 men are idle. The suspension in the Clearfield region will enforce idleness upon 400 trainmen on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad. In the Connellsville region the men are still at work, but the leaders are expecting to have almost the entire region of 18,000 men out on Monday

The Houtsdale and Oscalo mines and the Red Sun mine at Williamsport were completely idle at 13 o'clock. There was no excitement. The men are determined and the operators say that they have sufficient coal to keep their customers supplied for two or three weeks. No trouble is anticipated unless some of the operators should undertake to start their mines, in which event the scenes in the coke regions will be repeated here.

Many operators in this district declare that it is impossible to pay the wages asked by the miners and say they are satisfied to permit the mines to remain idle. But this does not represent the sentiment of all the operators, many of whom acknowledge that the wages demanded could be paid if all would keep faith and not seek an advantage.

All Out in Cambria-

ALTOONA. Pa., April. 23 Cambria county has 6,000 miners, every one of whom went out at noon to-day. men at Gallitzen in that county quit work yesterday morning and all those Fragality employed at men at Hastings quit at All the other miners at Hastings and those at Patton joined the strikers at noon to-day. The miners at Bennett's Creek, Somna, South Fork and Sumner Hill continued work until neen to-day, when they also out. This includes the entire

Cambria county mining district.
No one here feels competent to give an opinion as to the outcome of the strike. It is generally admitted, however, that the miners will succeed if they can hold out a month. No disorder has yet been reported in this

PARTLY OUT IN ILLINOIS.

Southern District Men Refuse to Strike-Physic Phonoand Out About Morris.

Sr. Louis, Ma., April 23. Advices from the coal mining districts of Southern Illinois are of a decidedly onict nature. The mon in the mines at Collinsville, Nilwood, Carlinville and Minonk are still at work. At written a strong latter requesting Minonk lack of work, by reason of support in his coming canvass

recent fires in the mines, has made the miners too poor to strike. Besides there as well as all the other towns named, the rate of pay is atisfactory.

At Virden the miners will work un-THE ORDER IS NOT OBEYED IN At DuQuoin a strike has been on since April 1 against a 25 per cent reduc-tion in wages. No additions to the strikers' ranks are reported. At St. Johns the miners strack at noon, but only about 200 men are concerned.

From Belleville, the center of the largest local district of mines, learned that the miners in that vicinity will remain at work. They have no wish to strike, and, besides, are too poorly organized to do

Monnis, Ill., April 2. - This noon about 3,000 miners of Coal City, Braceville, Gardner, Carbon Hill, of this county, and of Clarke City and Braidof the same coal fields, laid down their tools in pursuance of a decision made in the convention Thurs-Their contracts do not expire until May and June, but they are striking in response to the manifesto of the Columbus convention, pending further instructions.

KANSAS MINERS AT WORK.

None of the Men Obey the National As sociation's Order to Strike.

PITTSBURG, Kan., April 23.-The anticipated strike at 12 o'clock to-day did not materialize in this district. It is thought, however, that when it is known to the national organization that the Kansas miners have refused to come out, an effort will be made to induce them to do so.

The call for a delegate convention of district No. 14, to be held in Missouri, will not be represented by a single delegate from the mines here. The miners here with few exceptions, with one accord declare they will not stop work. The situation at present, therefore, is not at all alarming.

BEVIER MEN UNDECIDED. None of the Miners Quit Work A Mass

Meeting Held. MACO.i. Mo., April 23.-The eight

hundred coal miners at Bevier did not throw down their picks at noon to-day in obedience to President McBride's order, but all held a mass meeting this afternoon to decide what they should do. A strong effort is being made to defeat any strike. The followers of McBride are determined to rally the men to decide to go out.

No Southwest Missouri Strike. NEVADA, Mo., April 23.—The 1,500 oal miners of Vernon and Bates counties refuse to join the strike, the sentiment being to continue work as the other miners refused to join them in the strike some time ago.

Alderson Miners Will Strike, ALDERSON, Ind. Ter., April 23.—The Shoetaw Coal and Railway company niners have agreed to strike to aid the other miners to secure a new schedule of wages. Men have gone to Hartshorn to persuade or compel the negro miners to quit work Trouble is expected here at any moment.

No General Colorado Strike.

DENVER, Col., April 23.—The indica tions are that there will be little or no striking by coal miners in Colorado. Some corporations are two months behind on pay and employes may go out but ne, in connection with the general strike.

Iowa Miners Continue to Work. OSKALOOSA, Iowa., April 23.-None of the miners at the five Mahaska road district laid down their picks, camps will come out. All are working and will so continue according to their declarations.

Washington, Ind., Mines Closed.

Washington, Ind., April 23. -All the coal miners in this district stopped are deserted. All is quiet.

The Alabama Strike Spreading. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 23.—At Carona, Walker county, to-day, 500 more miners joined those on a strike.

IN BEHALF OF PROTECTION. Thousand Working Men and Women

Make Demonstration in Washington. Washington, April 23.- A special train from Philadelphia brought 670 Philadelphia to this city to-day to protest against the Wilson bill. They were met by 360 who arrived yesterday and marched down Pennsylvania avenue. In the front rank was carried a great silk American flag, which had the demonstration. Behind was a black banner with the legend in gold letters; "Non-partisan delegation of American workingmen from Bristol, united in defense of their home industries and to prevent their transfer to nations hostile to a Democratic or Republican government." The pro-

cession marched to Met zort's hall. Many senators and congressmen walking up the avenue at that hour espled the parade euriously. emonstration of any sort was made by the spectators.

Gathering in Metzerot's hall the committees delegated to wait upon | senators made their reports. Ephriom Ligg reported that Senator Vorhees, the chairman of the finance committee in charge of the bill, had been written to and had been called for at his home and at the senate, but could not be found. Jeers greeted this stnouncement. Delegates who had called upon Senators Brice, Smith and Murphy reported that these senators could not be found. Senator Hill had promised to meet the delegates, and Schatter Cameron and Quay had promised to do all in their power to bring the memorial of the convention to the at-

teution of the senate. The resolutions adopted by the meeting recite the prosperity of labor under the system of protection and in the narry of authorized representatives of "millions of American works men, without distinction of party demand that no change be made in ex-

lating tasiff news. In respon z to an a leged polition requesting that he address the Demo-Ky., Congressman tie pkinglage has

Our Stolen Electric Power.

WOODLAWN, Neb., March 31, '94. Editor WEALTH MAKERS:

Under the above headline the Twentieth Century for March 22nd, says that the Nisgara Power Company has acquired the greatest monopoly in the world for enslaving the people, and whom the Vanderbilts, Morgans, Whit neys, Lamonts, Brices, Rockefellers, and Thomas C. Platt are the spirits. All the big fish in both the Republican and Democratic ranks are in it, and the Vanderbilt motto is the epitome of its by-laws. Vanderbilt will have the cheapest electricity on the continent, and the Erie, Pennsylvania, and other rivals must compete with his four-track New York Central, his two-track West Shore, and his electric canal, for virtually the state canals will be his if he holds a fifty year's monopoly on the motive power. It is a glorious consummation, for there is no escape except by public ownership of all the vast powers and facilities now developing. Small capitalists everywhere must choose between a Vanderbilt dynasty extorting from them the major parts of their profits, or they must unite with the proletariat in demanding the Co-operative Commonwealth where all nature's forces being collectively owned, the country shall be developed for the people, and by the people, without tribute to stock holder, franchise-holder, or bond-holder. Economic conditions will force this issue. The wisdom of the people must decide it. There is no time to lose; nor is there any time to fritter away on tariff or currency issues when the ownership of the earth is in controversy.

This is interesting for us in Nebraska, because such kind of a steal only on a smaller scale will be made here on the Platte river canal. Sure enough, they give it a nicer name to catch fools with: they call it an irrigation and power canal. But when the gentlemen are through the people will find out that they have given away as a gift one of our greatest natural resources to some private capitalists to forge new chains of slavery for the people. In this case, too, Vanderbilt's motto-"The people be damned"-will be the epitome of its bylaws.

Now, gentlemen, just go shead with your banner with Vanderbilt's motto on it. The people like such mottoes and see that they are executed. Over a hundred years ago the French nobility had a motto: "Apres nous le delonge" ("After us the deluge"), and the people drowned the whole crowd in the Red Sea. This time the people may change the motto a little so that it shall read: "Vanderbilt and the whole plutocratic robber outfit be damned." Then it may put up some extra "flyer trains" with direct connection to hell and free passes for the whole crowd to save passenger rates for the devil.

FRED SCHWEIZER.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties have established head-quarters and are today preparing millions of campaign documents to be sent out during this campaign.

It is the opinion of the shrewdest politicians at Washington, that if the work at noon to-day and the mines People's Party takes advantage of the blunders and infamy of the present administration, there will be no trouble in electing Populist members enough to hold the balance of power in the next Congress. It is also admitted by the closest observers among both the that the next election of president will be thrown into the House, which will give the Populists the power to dictate who shall be the next president of the second support of the manufacture. Fortpaid, 18 cents. men and women from the mills about | who shall be the next president of the United States? The election in the state of Oregon comes off in June, and in Alabama in August. We are almost absolutely sure to carry Alabama, and we stand an even chance with either been given by John Wanamaker for of the old parties in Oregon. To help to carry Oregon and Alabama is to help put life and enthusiasm in our party in every state in the Union.

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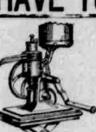
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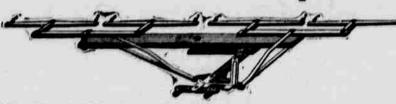
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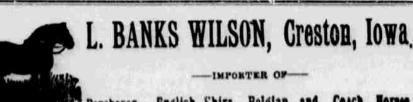
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