

COAL STRIKE REPORT

The Findings of the Anthracite Commission Made Public.

Against Compulsory Arbitration—A Board of Conciliation Recommended—The Discontinuance of Employing Police Urged.

Washington, March 21.—The report of the commission appointed by the president last October to investigate the anthracite coal strike was made public to-day. The report is dated March 18 and is signed by all the members of the commission. In brief the commission raises a general increase of wages amounting in most instances to ten per cent.; some decrease of time; the settlement of all disputes by arbitration; fixes a minimum wage and a sliding scale; provides against discrimination of persons by either the mine owners or the miners on account of membership or non-membership in a labor union and provides that the awards made shall continue in force until March 31, 1906.

The commission discussed to some extent the matter of recognition or non-recognition of the miners' union, but declined to make any award on this measure.

The commission says:

Any difficulty or disagreement arising under this award as to its interpretation or application, or in any way growing out of the relations of the employers and employed which cannot be settled or adjusted by consultation between the superintendent or manager of the mine or mines, and the miner or miners directly interested or is of a scope too large to be settled shall be referred to a permanent joint committee to be called a board of conciliation, to consist of six persons, appointed as hereinafter provided. That is to say, if there shall be a division of the whole region into districts in each of which there shall exist an organization representing a majority of the mine workers of such district one of said board of conciliation shall be appointed by each of said organizations and three other persons shall be appointed by the operators, the operators in each of said districts appointing one person.

The board of conciliation thus constituted shall take up and consider any question referred to it as aforesaid, hearing both parties to the controversy and such evidence as may be laid before it by either party, and any award made by a majority of such board of conciliation shall be final and binding on all parties. If, however, the said board is unable to decide any question submitted or point related thereto, that question or point shall be referred to an umpire, to be appointed, at the request of said board, by one of the circuit judges of the Third judicial circuit of the United States, whose decision shall be final and binding in the premises.

No suspension of work shall take place, by lockout or strike, pending the adjudication of any matter taken up for adjustment.

Mine cars shall be distributed among miners, and there shall be no concerted effort on the part of the miners or mine workers of any colliery or collieries to limit the output of the mines or to detract from the quality of the work, unless such limitation of output be in conformity to an agreement between an operator or operators and an organization representing a majority of said miners in his or their employ.

The commission also makes a number of recommendations which may be summarized as follows:

The discontinuance of the system of employing "the coal and iron police," because this force is believed to have an irritating effect and resort to the regularly constituted peace authorities in case of necessity.

A strict enforcement of the laws in relation to the employment of children.

That the state and federal governments should provide machinery for the making of a compulsory investigation of difficulties, similar to that investigation which this commission has made. The commission express the opinion that with a few modifications the federal act of October, 1888, authorizing a commission to settle controversies between railroad corporations and other common carriers could be made the basis of a law for arbitration in the anthracite coal mining business. The commission, however, take a decided position against compulsory arbitration.

Water-Purifying Plants.

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