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STRIKERS' STRUGGLE

Coal Miners Are Still Making a Hard Fight to Win.

ALL DEPENDS UPON WEST VIRGINIA

Labor Leaders Claim to Be Able to Coerce Miners There.

OPERATORS SAY CLAIM IS UNFOUNDED

Workmen on the Best of Terms with Their Employers.

DELEGATES GO TO THAT STATE TODAY

Prominent Mine Owner Says the Trouble Will End in a Compromise—Proposed Attempt at Arbitration.

PITTSBURG, July 11.—Today marks the beginning of the second week of the coal miners' strike and already it gives promise of being one of the greatest wars struggle in the history of this country. Eight days ago the coal operators in this district and the miners themselves little dreamed that within one short week such an era of general suspension could be wrought as now exists in the bituminous mining industry. Then the mouths of the many coal tipples that dot the Monongahela, Youghiogheny, Allegheny and Potter creek valleys and the valleys of Tom's and Muddy Run were open and turning out thousands on thousands of tons of the best coal that enters into the competitive markets of the world. Now all is changed. The vast caverns are like so many graveyards. In the hillsides looking in the shade, there is an army of 15,000 unemployed, who are anxiously waiting for more to join the troops of others. On nearly every railroad track leading to the mines there stand empty cars, apparently anxious to be loaded that their burden may be carried to the ports there the lakes.

The success that has attended the movement has greatly elated the miners and during the last few days every effort will be made to bring out the men in the few mines that are still working. This will be a difficult task, but they express confidence in their ability to make the suspension complete before the week is forty-eight hours old.

From the best information obtainable the Pittsburg operators are in no hurry to have the difficulty adjusted, as many of them had orders on railroad siding which they hoped to advance. Much of this was disposed of Saturday at a good profit. One prominent operator said today that it would take another week to determine the exact state of the market and by that time a general clearing up will have taken place. All interests will be ready to begin business on a new basis and probably at a much higher price.

"The whole thing will result in a compromise," said another prominent operator. "The operators are in a position to stand it for some time and I believe the miners are in about the same condition. It looks as if Hanna will brighten up, and if that event the operators will be able to get better prices and the condition of workers and the condition of the miner will be ultimately improved."

IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Just now the greatest obstacle in the way of success of the miners is the activity of the diggers in the West Virginia fields. They are working night and day and are getting ready to supply all the coal that is needed. They are repeating what they did three years ago, when a general suspension was declared. At that time there were a number of operators in the Mountain state that were on the verge of bankruptcy. The general suspension was declared, and there came a great demand for coal at prices that insured a big profit. The operators rallied around them a large number of men whose friendship and support they have enjoyed ever since. The operators profited by thousands and thousands of dollars. When the season had finished and the strike was declared a failure they balanced up their books and found to one of the proper side of their ledgers. They realized that they owed much of their profit to their miners and rewarded them for it by every succeeding pay day the faithful miners were paid bonuses in the shape of gold pieces and naturally the best of feeling prevails among the employers and employes.

This is the condition of affairs the agitators that will go into the West Virginia district this week will have to encounter. It is argued by the miners that there are more men out in that section than there were three years ago, and they express the greatest confidence in bringing them out if they can get their pay. This failing, the national organizations will be appealed to. The plan of campaign has been outlined by the national officers and the development of the week will be watched with interest. The miners officials say that the success of the movement depends on the action of the West Virginia miners. They argue that as many men in the Pittsburg district who were not affiliated with their organization sacrificed thousands of dollars and joined the movement. They will tell the Mountain state miners of the success in the district and every effort will be made to have them join.

MINERS' ULTIMATUM

There are a number of operators in the Pittsburg district who have suggested a willingness to pay the price demanded. But the miners have said nay. They will insist that a majority of the operators in the district pay the 69-cent rate or none. This is the ultimatum of the national officials, from which there is no appeal. It is known that some of the miners officials would be glad to let all the operators paying the 69-cent rate operate their mines, but cannot, owing to the decision of the national officers, who desire to have all the surplus coal taken from the market.

The new features in the situation today were the arrival of the Ohio and Indiana state board of arbitration, the meeting tonight of the United Labor League of Western Pennsylvania and the report that a movement was on foot to import new men to take the places of the strikers at the Pittsburg & Chicago company's mines. At the United Labor league meeting sixty-three out of seventy-two labor organizations were represented. Resolutions were unanimously adopted pledging financial and moral support to the miners and calling upon all the trades unions in western Pennsylvania to aid and assist in every possible manner in furthering the interests of the strikers. W. H. Carney, vice president of the Amalgamated association, and Rev. Winston Green, the colored preacher-miner, were appointed organizers and ordered to begin work at once. Six more organizers will be appointed this week. Messrs. Carney and Green will hold a meeting at Fayette City tomorrow night, and on Tuesday will have charge of a meeting of miners and their wives at Gastonville. It is proposed to interest the women as well as the men in the movement.

The league also decided to send out a circular to all trades unions requesting an immediate assessment for the benefit of the miners. Previous to adjournment a telegram was received from President Simon Burns, who is in Washington, pledging the financial and moral support of the Window Glass Workers association.

ATTEMPT TO ARBITRATE

Judge Selwyn Owen of Columbus, James Bishop of Columbus and Hon. John Little of Xenia, O., members of the Ohio State Board of Arbitration, and L. P. Moorehead and Dr. Frank Schmit of Indianapolis, members of the Indiana Labor commission, arrived in the city this evening. The members of the Illinois Board of Arbitration and the Statistical Bureau of Pennsylvania are expected here tomorrow. The boards will meet in joint conference and after hearing what each will endeavor to induce an amicable settlement of the difference between the miners and operators.

The officers of the mines of the Pittsburg and Chicago Gas Coal company were greatly excited today over a report that Grand Chief Wise was in that region and that an attempt would be made to organize work with imported men. Secretary Warner of the United Mine Workers said that if this was done there would likely be no trouble, a prediction. The only news from the West Virginia field received here was that the Scotch wood mines, twelve miles south of Morgantown, had started up full and were advertising for 100 more men.

Destitution Among Miners.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 11.—A special to the Times from Jellico, Tenn., says there is great destitution among the miners in that region, many of them having large families and not knowing where the next meal is coming from. Some of the miners have gardens and they have been able to quite the truck raised on them to keep from absolute starvation. The relief committee recently sent around to get help has returned and reported that they had met with poor success. Outside aid is to be sought in the east Tennessee districts in the hope that it may be had while it is sorely needed. The miners and operators have had no meeting since May and there does not appear to be the slightest prospect for an amicable adjustment of the wage question. The men at these mines have had little work for nearly two years and as a consequence they have nothing laid up for a rainy day.

More Will Strike Today.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 11.—Tomorrow morning 1,000 miners who have been working in the Springfield district will refuse to return to work. This action was decided upon this afternoon at a delegate meeting held there by men from the city attended by over 500 delegates and 500 other miner workers. Only three mines in the district were not represented, those represented being the Peabody Consolidated, Central shaft, Sangamon No. 2, Sharon No. 1, Clear Lake Consolidated, Old North shaft, Taylor & Gary, Old West Shaft, Diamond, Adams No. 1 and No. 2, Springfield Coal, Springfield Sanitary, Riverton, Oakland and the Capitol Co-Operative companies.

Tin Plate Works to Resume.

CLEVELAND, July 11.—Work will be resumed tomorrow morning at the Cleveland Tin Plate works with nonunion men. The company says it is willing to pay the wages fixed by the trade but will not. Man. It. Something like a union committee have been organized and it is expected that many of the old men will come back to work at the company's terms. It is believed there may be trouble at the works in the morning.

Three Refuse to Strike.

MASSILLON, O., July 11.—The mass meeting of miners held at Tuscarawas for the purpose of inducing the Wheeling & Lake Erie miners there to join the union failed. The men refused to join. They will not however, assume work because of fear of the union men, it is said. Several prominent officers of the union were present at the meeting.

LEAGUE OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Advance Delegations Ready for the Convention on Tuesday.

DETROIT, July 11.—The local hotelries are crowded tonight with the advance delegation to the convention of the National League of Republican Clubs, which commences Tuesday. The chief topic of interest among the delegates in the field is the election of the president. The prominent candidates for the office are Marcus Pollock of Chicago, Colonel George Stone of San Francisco, L. J. Crawford of Newport, Ky., Edward H. Green of Dallas, Tex., son of Hetty Green, and Lieutenant Governor Timothy Woodruff of New York. Secretary Dowling also says he may be a candidate for president if the Minnesota delegation decides to present his name. The favorite is easily Marcus Pollock of Chicago. His backers are everywhere confident and from present indications he seems to have the inside track. He has received positive assurances of enthusiastic support from nearly every state and territory. Mr. Pollock is at the Cadillac tonight receiving his friends.

The cities that will compete for the honor of entertaining the next convention are Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Chicago and Baltimore. Los Angeles, Cal., and Fargo, N. D., are claimed to be in the race. Noted men from most of these points are in the city to campaign for their local interests.

Delegations are expected to pour into the city tomorrow faster than they can be determined. Among the celebrities billed to arrive in the morning are General Lew Wallace of Indiana, Senator Mark A. Hanna and Congressman J. T. McCleary of Minnesota.

CHINESE MAY COME TO BLOWS.

Two Factions Squabble Over Omaha Exposition Representation.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Special Telegram.—Factions in the Chinese colony in South Clark street are engaged in a bitter dispute over representation at the Transmississippi Exposition. Wong Chit Foo, president of the Chinese Equal Rights league and editor of the Chicago Chinese News, has been spending considerable time and postmark supporting a number of skilled workmen from the Celestial empire. Hip Lung, Hong Sing and Lem Lee have been allowed private audiences by the directors of the exposition and are helping up the plans supported by their prominent countrymen. Wong Chit Foo alleges that his rivals are prompted in their undertaking by a desire to dispose of the imported Chinamen at a high price and establish laundries throughout the country. Both factions have representatives in Washington, who expect to secure an audience with Secretary Gage. So bitter is the feeling of each side that a personal encounter between partisans of the rivals is expected at any time in the future.

TRYING TO BREAK AN ICE TRUST.

Dealers in Congealed Water Are Placed Under Arrest.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 11.—Yesterday the grand jury in pursuance of a recent charge of Judge Anderson, directing it to investigate the alleged formation of an ice trust or combine, returned true bills indictments against nine of the leading ice manufacturers and dealers in the city, charging them with having formed a trust or combine to control the supply and advance the price of ice. Nearly all were at once arrested and gave bond. The others will do so tomorrow.

Cadets Under Discipline.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 11.—The entire fourth class of naval cadets, thirty-six in number, is still restricted to the Section for firing explosives, contrary to orders and refusing to name the guilty party. The prisoners were allowed to attend church Sunday. It is stated that only two cadets were concerned in firing the explosives on July 1, and that one has voluntarily owned up, the authorities of the class are only awaiting the acknowledgment of the other to see the end. Some demerting may follow all the members of the class will receive punishment to the extent.

Lithographers Meet Today.

CINCINNATI, July 11.—Tomorrow the National Lithographers' association will meet here in its fourth biennial session, which will continue five days. Forty delegates will be present, representing Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Rochester, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco, Louisville and Cincinnati. Next Thursday night will be devoted to a reception and banquet.

BUSY DAY FOR ENDEAVORERS

Hosts of People Attend Great Gatherings in San Francisco.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE IS DISCUSSED

Numerous Entertaining Addresses Are Delivered on the Subject—Convention Proposes to Meet in London in 1900.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—London in 1900. This is to be the rallying cry of the Christian Endeavorers for the next three years. It is the intention of President Clark and his associates of headquarters to show to old world attendants of the strength of their organization. Nashville has already been selected as the place of meeting in 1899, and at the annual meeting of officers Tuesday morning the selection of a convention city for 1900 will be discussed, but the convention may not be so lucky, for the offer of a number of places are to be considered. Denver has put in a strong bid and both St. Louis and Cincinnati are anxious to have the young Christians visit them. All that can be said now is that the matter is undecided and all applicants have an equal chance of success.

Sunday morning dawned with a cloudless sky, the atmosphere too cool for comfort, and warm for physical comfort. Never before has the weather been favored so effectively an entertainment, for as though ordered for convention week the weather has been perfect every day since the arrival of the delegates and the thunderstorm which came in their wake. The visitors are already beginning to depart, but it will be more than another week before the city will resume its normal appearance, for the Endeavorers will remain and many of the attendants have announced their intention of spending a few weeks in this vicinity. All of those who attended the various state dinners last night are enthusiastic in their appreciation of the repast. After the principal receptions they were literally indeed down with flowers and fruit.

PUT IN A BUSY DAY.

This has been a busy day for the members of the organization, many meetings having been held, and, however, being devoted to efforts of business efforts and interesting the Endeavorers on the Sabbath. The topic for the early morning prayer meeting was "Prayer for Church Services and Pastors." Nearly every church found it necessary to place the chairs before the beginning of the services, so great was the throng of earnest worshipers. The principal meetings were held by the following denominations: First Baptist church, Rev. A. W. Dawson; Christian, First Congregational, church, Rev. W. A. Hampshire; Calvinistic of the city, Saint King; African Methodist, Ebenezer; Zion, Rev. Rev. J. C. Peterson; Chinese, Mass.; First Presbyterian church, George E. Copeland; Westminster, Mass.; West Side Christian church, H. Chapman; Tabernacle, N. Y.; Westminster, Presbyterian, C. C. McNeil; Berkeley, Ia.; Third Congregational church; Ath St. and Broad Boulder, Colo.; Grace African Methodist Episcopal, Rev. D. Wallace; Alameda, Cal.; First Congregational church in Oakland, Rev. Ralph J. Lamb of Indian territory.

The daily hour for bible study was conducted by Prof. Herbert L. Willett of Chicago at the Central Methodist Episcopal church, his topic being Habbakuk—a Message of Endeavor and Hope. He outlined summarized the teachings of the book of the prophet and aptly applied them to affairs of today.

At the First United Presbyterian church Rev. H. F. Y. Pierce of Philadelphia demonstrated in a practical way the use of the church board in Christian work.

At the regular morning services of worship the pulpits of all the Protestant churches, including the Immanuel Baptist, the scene of the Durrant murders, of which Rev. G. G. Gilbert is pastor, were filled by prominent preachers from all parts of the world. Mr. Gilbert is a Christian Endeavorer, yet did not allow his pulpit to guests of the local societies. In several instances overflow meetings were held, that in the extensive basement of the First Congregational church, addressed by Rev. W. H. Temple of Seattle, being attended in large as the gathering in the main audit room, at which the sermon was preached by Rev. N. Boyden of Detroit.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The great gathering of the day was the afternoon meeting in Mechanics pavilion, presided over by President Clark. In the business of the Lookout Inn was the general theme of a series of support addresses which took among the hour of the convention. Thousands who sought to pay respectful tribute to the Sabbath departed reluctantly after the hour had elapsed. The more earnest were those who remained to the end of the meeting. Perhaps the most notable feature of the evening was the following resolution, which was hung outside. The union night, which was hung outside. The union night, which was hung outside. The union night