

NO FEAR OF ILL LUCK

Striking Miners Choose F... Meeting of Convention.

SESSIONS ARE TO BE HELD AT SCRANTON

Offer of Ten Per Cent Increase by Operators to Be Fully Considered.

QUICK ACCEPTANCE IS LOOKED FOR

Discussion of Yearly Wage Scale May Delay Speedy Settlement.

LABOR LEADERS HAVE NOTHING TO SAY

Operators About Hazleton When Approached for Their Views Concerning Situation Refuse to Commit Themselves.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 8.—The issuing of the call today by President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America for a joint convention of the anthracite miners to be held at Scranton, to begin Friday, for the purpose of deciding whether to reject or accept the 10 per cent raise offered by the operators, is a long stride in the direction of bringing the strike to a close.

It is believed the convention will not be a long one, as it is expected the miners will accept the advance. There is, however, a possibility that by the introduction of a proposition to abolish the sliding scale and another to have the operators agree to a yearly wage contract the termination of the strike might be delayed.

NO MARCHING AT HAZLETON

Mine Owners Had Armed Guards, but No Trouble Appears—Small Crowds Gather.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 8.—In anticipation of marching by the strikers this morning even the most ardent of the operators in this district in operation, in a more or less crippled condition, was virtually an armed camp during the night, but the expected did not happen and the community remains undisturbed.

Some of the labor leaders here will say whether the increase will be accepted or rejected, but there is a strong belief that the men will vote to go back to work. Now that the convention is a certainty there is a feeling of relief in the entire region. It is expected that a week from today will see the mine workers going back to the mines.

President Mitchell will call the convention to order and will preside over its sessions. The secretaries will be elected by the delegates and it is most certain that the convention will vote that all of its sessions shall be held in secret. In the meantime the labor leaders say their efforts to close up the mines still in operation will go on.

Notices of a 10 per cent advance in wages and a reduction in the price of powder were posted this morning by M. S. Kemmerer & Co., operating the Sandy Run colliery, and Cox & Bro., operating six collieries. The notices are similar to those put up by the other companies last week. G. B. Markle & Co., Calvary Park colliery, and the silverbrook coal company are the only companies hereabouts that have not yet notified their men of an increase. These four concerns normally employ upward of 4,000.

MINERS ARE CALLED TOGETHER

The text of the convention call is as follows: To All Miners and Mine Employees of the Anthracite Region—Brothers:

In view of the fact that the mine operators have issued notices offering a 10 per cent increase in wages and a reduction in the price of powder, and in view of the fact that the operators have also offered to have the operators agree to a yearly wage contract, it is the duty of the miners to select delegates to represent you in convention.

You are therefore notified that a convention will be held at Scranton, Pa., beginning Friday, October 13, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The basis of representation will be one vote for each 100 persons on strike, or if desired, may be reduced to one vote for every 500 men workers, but no delegate will be allowed to cast more than five votes.

DISPUTE IS NOT SETTLED

Official of United Mine Workers Issues Statement Regarding the Strike Situation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 8.—W. B. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, issued a statement today in which he says in part:

All of the coal operators having now conceded an advance in wages it can be truthfully said that the strike in the anthracite region has achieved a great victory. Yet the dispute is not settled, nor will it be, until the mine owners consent to the proposition of the operators and return to work. The sliding scale, the monthly wage, the pay and other grievances complained of by the miners have not been considered in the proposition of the operators and the advance in wages is not accompanied with the reduction in the price of powder that many of the miners desire.

Under these circumstances the urgent and best method of settling the dispute is by establishing permanent settlements and a meeting of the operators with the anthracite miners being made for a big consideration of the coal companies.

See End of Fight

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 8.—The fourth week of the strike in the Lackawanna region began today, with a general feeling that this week will end the conflict. Preparations are being made for a big demonstration here Wednesday and the assembling on Friday of the mine workers' convention, which will take up the proposal of the operators.

Mill Work Resumed

JOLIET, Ill., Oct. 8.—Work was resumed by 800 men today in the converter and blast mill of the Illinois Steel company in this city, which were shut down recently. The work was also resumed by 500 men at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car company.

ONLY ONE DISTRICT WORKING

Interest in Miners' Strike Centers There and in the Proposed Convention.

PANIC FOLLOWS FALSE ALARM OF FIRE

Sleeping Pilgrims Wakened and Mangled by Falling Ceiling, Falling from Their Wreckless.

ENGLISH RETURNS ANNOUNCED

Results as Reported on Monday Morning Leave the Party Gains Unchanged.

IN FEAR OF COTTON CORNER

Germany Likely to Introduce Cultivation of Great Staple Into Her Own Colonies.

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FORTY CRUSHED TO DEATH

Floor Falls in Upper Floor of the Monastery of St. Nikander.

CASH IN NEBRASKA BANKS

Increase in Deposits and Loans from June to December a Notable Amount.

VICTOR TACTICS AT CHICAGO

Democratic Hoodlums Attack Procession in Depew's Honor.

MANY OF THE MARCHERS BADLY HURT

Men Breaks Into the Ranks, Throws Stones, Wields Clubs, Tears Uniforms and Disrupts the Occasion.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Fair and Slightly Warmer.

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA YESTERDAY

Table with 3 columns: Hour, Deg., and another column. Rows show temperatures for 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 m.

FOREIGNERS FLEEING FROM CHINA TRAVEL OVER 700 MILES TO GREAT WASTE OF SAND.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Five of the American missionaries who were in China during the Boxer outbreak returned to this city today on the city of Rome. They escaped to the Russian frontier and made their homeward journey via Europe.

WORK OF YEARS IS UNDONE

Gloomy Report Concerning Condition in China by American Missionary Now There.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—In a letter to Miss E. Ward of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions, Mrs. L. G. Neal, missionary, says the Boxer uprising in China has wrought irreparable injury to missionary work in China. The writer says, "It was on July 30 that we finished the trip across the desert. During the journey six of the party died and we lost many horses and mules. We had scarcely any water or food.

OBJECT TO WALTERS

British in China Accuse Count of Giving All Strategic Positions to Other Nations.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, writing October 7, says: "It is reported that French troops held Lu Koo Chiao on the Lu Han railway, and the Chinese and Germans hold the Paikang forts and have also taken Tung Shan and the Kai Ping mines, thus monopolizing the coal supply in north China.

NEBRASKANS GO TO INDIA

Rev. W. F. Elmore and Wife Sail Today for Their New Field of Missionary Labor.

BOUNTY FOR SANTIAGO TARS

No Distribution as Yet to Officers and Men of Squadron Which Lamented Capture.

FITZHARRIS AGAIN IN JAIL

Phoenix Park Murderer, Recently Deported from New York, Arrested in Liverpool.

Fishermen Fire on Gunboat

VIGO, Spain, Oct. 8.—Fresh disorders have occurred as a result of the rivalry between the fishermen of the neighborhood and those of Cangas, province of Pontevedra, who, as already cable, fired on the Spanish gunboat Vasco Nunez de Balboa as that vessel was leaving the port Saturday.

Popercute Wages in Colombia

COLOMBIA, Oct. 8.—(Via Laredo Junction.)—The first batch of 1,500 of the 5,000 Jamaican laborers engaged by J. P. McDonald, the contractor, to work on the Guayaquil-Quito (Ecuador) railroad, arrived here today in transit, accompanied by a representative of the Jamaican government, who will act as their protector. The men are engaged for two years' service. They are to receive a monthly wage of \$1.00, free lodging, hospital and medical attention.

Shipment of Money

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The shipments of money to the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago sub-treasuries for the movement of the crop continue from the treasury. The shipments for today were \$300,000. On Saturday the total shipments for the season amounted to \$10,449,600, against \$5,425,000 for the same period last year, showing an increase to nearly twice the former amount. Of the total amount New Orleans had received \$5,340,000. The treasury officials regard the shipments as showing an unusually prosperous condition of affairs in the south.

Clerks Need Not Contribute

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—By direction of Secretary Hay the employees of the Department of State have been notified through Chief Clerk Mitchell that they are under no obligation whatever by reason of their being in the public service to make any contributions or subscriptions for political or other purposes, or to render political favors, or to be in any way discriminated against for failure to so subscribe, contribute or to serve.

Census Returns Announced

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Late today the census bureau announced officially that the population of the state of Delaware was 154,735 in 1900, as against 148,163 in 1890. This is an increase of 10,242, or 6.9 per cent.

Secretary Root in Better Health

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Secretary Root, who for some weeks has been ill at his long Island home, is expected back at his desk Wednesday. The secretary is reported to be in improved health.

James May Have Yellow Fever

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