

UNIONS BATTLE TO SIGN MINERS IN W. VIRGINIA

Approximately 35,000 Miners Are Unorganized—These Men Are Crux of Warfare of Unionized Men.

Williamson, W. Va., July 30.—An industrial conflict is being waged between mine operators and leaders of the United Mine Workers over the question whether all the bituminous coal miners in West Virginia shall be organized as union men.

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Harry Olmstead of the Coal Operators' association of Williamson gave the other side of the controversy. "The United Mine Workers want to organize their field," said Mr. Olmstead, "and then move on to the larger and more important fields of McDowell, Wyoming, Mercer counties, and what mines have not been organized in Raleigh. These are the last important unorganized bituminous coal fields in the country."

Will Enforce Demands. "They will then be in position to enforce the demands formulated at the Cleveland convention last year, and which they could not enforce in the general coal strike last year, because our mines in this part of the state were operating and our men stuck to their post. We saved the country from suffering then because this field was not organized."

"The Kanawha scale which the union demands is less than the scale we are now paying, and I don't know that the question of treatment or working conditions has entered into the controversy. It is just a question of the United Mine Workers unionizing the mines, with all that such a course carries. We object to that, because for a matter of 20 years we have enjoyed peace and quiet here in this field, and I may say that because of this we have made the success of this field possible."

Differences Are Settled. "All differences have been settled by operators and miners, and settled satisfactorily. I know of some union men who have come in here from union fields, but they left just as soon as the union organizers came in last spring. I don't believe there is any basic union sentiment in the field, because the men have always made good money."

"The mines are among the best in the state. We have no gas and consequently no explosions, and the lying conditions in the valley are good."

"The Baldwin-Felts detectives, about whom one hears so much, are not employed to guard property, and in no sense are they mine guards. In fact, there is not a mine guard in Mingo county. These men are employed by the companies as any corporation which does not have its own intelligence department employs such men."

The Mingo district produced last year about 6,000,000 tons of coal, worth about \$16,000,000, with the loss of only six lives, according to J. W. St. Clair, state mine inspector for that district.

Navy Seeks Contract For 3,000,000 Barrels Of Oil for Its Ships

Washington, July 30.—Assured under contracts already signed with oil companies of most of the fuel needed for the oil burning portion of the government's merchant fleet for the year beginning October 1, the shipping board today set out to secure approximately 3,000,000 additional barrels for fuel oil. When they are obtained officials said, the board will have an adequate supply—estimated at 29,280,000 barrels for the year.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey agreed last night to furnish 15,825,000 barrels, while under three contracts signed yesterday approximately 10,000,000 barrels were promised.

Negotiations are said to have been started by the shipping board to obtain its oil supply for the next five years under yearly contracts.

Irish Officer Shot

Dublin, July 30.—Frankie Brooke, deputy lieutenant for County Wicklow, Leinster province, was shot dead at the West Linstead station in Dublin this morning just after alighting from a train. His assailants escaped.

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New Silk Dresses, \$19.50. Great Clearance of All Summer Dresses. 200 Summer Dresses in printed voiles, georgettes and crepe de chins, all the season's latest styles and colors; dresses that formerly sold to \$25.00; Saturday you can buy any one of these wonderful values, at \$9.75

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Our End-of-the-Month Clearance Sale of Shoes at a Big Saving

Women's Genuine Hand Turned Oxfords in black and brown kid with leather, French or military heels, in nearly all sizes and widths; \$15.00 values; in this clearance sale \$10.00

Month-End Clearance Ladies' Neckwear

Vestees of fine net, trimmed with ruffles of val lace; regular value \$4.50; Saturday's special \$3.75. Fine net vestees, trimmed with filet lace and crochet buttons; regular value \$3.75; Saturday's special \$2.75

Don't Overlook the Big Sweeping Clean-up Sale of Men's Furnishings

About 50 dozen Men's Porous Knit Underwear, short sleeves, ankle length; sizes 36 to 42; regular price \$2.00; Saturday \$1.45. Another value-giving sale of Men's Silk Collars, in white cord, plain, in colors and stripes, about 100 dozen in this lot; all sizes, 12 to 18 collar; regular price 35c; Saturday 21c, 5 for \$1.00

Boys' Wash Suits

Over 50 Dozen Boys' Wash Suits, that sold regularly \$4.50 and \$5.00, in all sizes, 2 1/2 to 8 years old, all styles and colors, Saturday, at \$2.95



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