

GIANT STRIKE PLANNED

Mine Workers Union May Call Out Soft Coal Men.

WOULD MAKE OVER 449,000 IDLE

If Plan is Successfully Carried Out It Will Tie Up the Industries of the Country and Paralyze Business of the United States.

Hazleton, Pa., May 17.—The anthracite mine workers in convention yesterday, in order to win their strike, unanimously decided upon a plan that if carried into successful operation would practically tie up the industries of the country, paralyze business and inconvenience the people throughout the United States. It is their desire that a special national convention of the United Mine Workers of America be called as soon as practicable, for the purpose of endeavoring to have all the bituminous mine workers, both organized and unorganized, involved in the anthracite miners' struggle. This announcement was officially made by President John Mitchell in a statement giving the result of the deliberations of the delegates in convention.

A special national convention is called and the miners succeed in their object it would affect more than 449,000 men, who are employed in and about the coal mines of the country. Coal would soon become scarce, and this would ultimately result in the tying up of railroads and all sorts of industries that use large quantities of the fuel. It is doubted by some interested persons here who are closely watching developments that such a stupendous movement could be brought about, for the reason that the business interests of the country would not stand idly by and permit such a plan to be put into effect.

An absolutely trustworthy source is authority for the statement that the special convention will be called, probably at Indianapolis, in the course of several weeks. According to the rules of the United Mine Workers, a petition signed by five Mine Workers' districts is necessary to call a special convention. The three anthracite districts are unanimous for such a meeting, and it is likely that the West Virginia district and the Michigan district will consent to the issuance of the call. The two latter districts now have small but stubborn strikes in progress, and they will doubtless consent to the call, so that they, too, may receive the benefit of whatever may be accomplished.

The matter of calling out the engineers and pump runners from the anthracite mines to allow the workings to become flooded and damaged, was left by the convention to the discretion of the national and district officers. What they will do cannot be definitely learned, but it seems probable that they will be permitted to remain at work, for the present at least. It was said at strike headquarters yesterday by an official that the United Mine Workers' organization has all along followed a policy of protecting mine property, on the ground that the destruction of accumulated wealth, as a rule, ultimately affects the workmen seriously.

SOFT COAL QUESTION

Miners May Try to Prevent Shipments Into Anthracite Territory.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 20.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, arrived here shortly after 9 o'clock last night and established strike headquarters at the Hotel Hart. He was met at the station by several of the local leaders, who held a brief conference with him. Mr. Mitchell had no visitors, and said last night that he had no news to give out. He added, however, that as far as the miners' side of the controversy was concerned, the situation had not changed in the least.

On the run up from Hazleton Mr. Mitchell's attention was called to the fact that the city of Philadelphia had contracted for a supply of bituminous coal to take the place of the anthracite which had been cut off by the railroad companies furnishing it. In reply to a question as to whether the miners would attempt to prevent the shipment of soft coal to places where hard coal is used, he said: "Considering the proposition in a general way, I will say that we do not desire to make any city a victim or have any person suffer because of our quarrel with the coal companies."

He was pressed for a more explicit statement, but he refused to go into it any deeper, except that it was a matter which would have to be settled by the three executive boards of the anthracite field. They will meet here tomorrow.

Judging by the actions of the union during the last strike, when efforts were made to stop the shipment of soft coal into anthracite territory, it is not unlikely that the miners may take similar action within the next few days.

3,000 Men Suspended.

Tamaqua, Pa., May 21.—This town was yesterday isolated from the outside world. Not a passenger train was run on the Shamokin division of the Reading Railway. North of Port Clinton 26 trains have been annulled. On the Shenandoah branch 13 have been wiped out, while on the Mt. Carmel branch 22 trains will be discontinued. Four trains will be taken off the Milton branch. The action of the company in discontinuing all passenger trains, with the exception of those carrying mails, is unprecedented.

The Reading Railway has thus far suspended 3,000 men, comprising train crews, switchmen, station masters and clerks.

TEXAS TOWN SWEEP BY STORM

Ninety-eight Killed and 103 Injured By Tornado at Goliad.

Houston, Tex., May 20.—The latest reports from Goliad state that 98 persons were killed and 103 injured by the tornado which passed over that city on Sunday afternoon. The property loss in the city and surrounding country will probably reach \$200,000. The storm swept the city from end to end, and demolished 150 stores and residences, many of which cannot be repaired.

The tornado, which was preceded by a terrific downpour of hail, lasted only a few minutes. The hail storm drove the people into their houses, where they were caught like rats in a trap, and the death-dealing wind came down upon them with terrific force, leveling everything in its path. The tornado swept an area two blocks wide for a distance of a mile and a half. Houses collapsed as if built of cardboard, covering the dead and injured with debris, which necessarily made the work of rescue slow. People flocked to the town from all of the surrounding country. Many of them had relatives in the city. The work of rescue has been carried on all day, and the funeral of several of the victims took place yesterday afternoon. The supply of coffins has been replenished from other towns, and a large force of laborers is still at work digging graves for many of the unfortunate victims.

The citizens have perfected a relief organization, and everything is conducted in an orderly manner, the work of caring for the dead and injured now being on a systematic basis.

USED "DUMDUM" BULLETS

Corporal O'Brien Says They Were Issued to Troops in Philippines.

Washington, May 20.—Former Corporal Richard O'Brien, of North Adams, Mass., of Company M, Twenty-sixth, Volunteers, who served in the Philippines for 18 months, was before the senate committee on the Philippines yesterday.

O'Brien said that he had been present at Igaras when the water cure was administered to the president of that town, and then made a charge of a serious nature against the American officers there. "There was," he said, "a Spanish woman in the town—a woman of education—who was violated by the American officers." The names of the officers he could not give, adding that he had not witnessed the incident, but that the woman's husband was his authority for the statement.

He also said that "dumdum" bullets were issued in the regular way with other ammunition. He had seen them strike a man and take the top of his head off. He could not tell whether it was one of his own comrades or a native. He was questioned closely by Senator Beveridge, and described them as explosive bullets. He had not written home about these bullets, although he considered the use of them revolting.

In answer to Senator McComas, he said that his company occasionally took prisoners that were not killed. He had seen many prisoners held by other commands, and they were all being treated kindly and were not being shot or killed. He admitted that the killing of prisoners was not general. The killing of prisoners was a matter "that lay with the officers."

DROWNED IN KILLARNEY LAKE

Party of Thirteen Lost Their Lives During a Storm.

Killarney, May 20.—A party of 13 persons lost their lives by the wrecking of their boat during a storm on the Lakes of Killarney Sunday. The party consisted of four ladies and five gentlemen tourists and four boatmen who were running the craft. Four of the tourists were South Americans.

The wreck of the boat was found yesterday on the spot where the Pennsylvania crew won their victory last July. When the boat was found three corpses were clinging to its sides. It was first reported that the nine pleasure-seekers were members of the Pickwick Bicycle Club, of England.

Newark Attorney Murdered in Arizona

Tucson, Ariz., May 20.—J. A. Bradley, a young attorney of Newark, N. J., was murdered, supposedly by Mexicans, at a small stage station 30 miles from Tucson on Sunday. He had been visiting friends at the mines and was awaiting a stage to Tucson. The body shows a deep cut on the head. All the money and jewelry had been taken from the body. Bradley had been in Tucson a month and had just been admitted to the bar.

Volcanic Subscriptions to Cease.

Washington, May 19.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from United States Consul Ayme at Fort De France, announcing that the relief supplies now afloat are quite sufficient for the Martinique sufferers, and suggesting that, while St. Vincent may be in need, the public subscriptions in the United States should cease at once.

Lightning Kills Two.

Roanoke, Va., May 20.—During the thunder storm in the lower end of this county yesterday afternoon, Robert Short, a bridge contractor, and Haden Peters, a rural mail delivery agent, entered the railway depot at Wertz Station for shelter. Lightning struck the building, setting it on fire, and instantly killed the two men.

General Funston Ill.

Denver, May 20.—General Funston is confined to his bed by an attack of remittent malarial fever. His temperature rose to 103½, but subsequently dropped to 101. His illness is not regarded as serious.

FEARFUL MINE DISASTER

Explosion in Tennessee Colliery Killed All Men at Work.

BETWEEN 175 AND 225 ARE DEAD

Rescuers Worker All Day Before They Could Enter the Mine, Which Proved to be a Continuous Tomb of Death, There Being no Signs of Life.

Coal Creek, Tenn., May 20.—The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining occurred at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning, when between 175 and 225 men and boys met death at the Fraterville coal mine, two miles from this town, as a result of a gas explosion.

Out of the large number of men and boys who went to work developments last night showed that only one is alive, and he is so badly injured that he cannot live. This man was William Morgan, an aged Englishman, who was a road man in the mine, and was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion. One hundred and seventy-five miners were checked in for work yesterday morning by the mine boss in addition to these were boys who acted as helpers, and drivers, road men and others to the number of perhaps 50.

Fraterville mine is the oldest mine in the Coal Creek district, having been opened in 1870. It is fully three miles from the mine's opening to the point where the men were at work. They had not been at work long before the terrible explosion occurred. There was a fearful roar and in an instant flames poured out of the entrance and the shafts. As soon as possible two rescuing parties were started in, one at the main entrance, the other through Thistle mine, which adjoins, and in which no men were at work. The Thistle party was unable to enter the Fraterville shaft. The Fraterville party went fully two miles under the earth until a heavy fall of slate was encountered. At this barrier men worked like demons, hoping against hope that those beyond might be safe.

The scenes at the mouth of the mine while the workers were within were beyond description. Business had been suspended in Coal Creek and all its mines as soon as the news of the disaster became known, and men, women and children gathered around the Fraterville entrance. Women whose husbands and sons were within were wild with grief.

All day long the rescuers toiled at the slate obstruction and not until 5 o'clock last evening did they force an entrance through it. Up to that hour only five dead bodies had been recovered and hope was still high that many within were safe. The hopes of the living were doomed, however, for when once the rescuers could enter and proceeded they walked through a continuous tomb of death. There was not a sign of life. Every man had perished.

Eight dead bodies were first recovered, and these were sent to Coal Creek. Twenty-six more were soon found. They were not disfigured beyond identification and each corpse, as it was borne from the mouth of the gigantic tomb, was surrounded by eager crowds of relatives of the men who were entombed. The mine was not on fire, except in remote portions, and all the bodies were recovered.

OUR LAST DAY IN CUBA

New Republic Starts With \$500,000 Cash and \$1,308,607 in Bonds.

Havana, May 20.—The last day of the American occupation of Cuba was devoted by Governor General Wood and his staff to clearing their desks of official business and to arranging the final details of the evacuation of day. The palace was fairly besieged all day by importunate persons appealing for some last favor. There was also a constant stream of callers to say a formal farewell, as the Spanish people are great sticklers in such matters. Major Dunn and Captain Carpenter, aides to Governor General Wood, were busy all day returning the official visits of the officers of the warships in the harbor and the members of the consular corps.

The few additional warrants issued yesterday afternoon approximated \$50,000, and by that amount the actual funds in the treasury was reduced. The amount thus turned over today to the Cuban government was \$517,709 cash and \$1,308,607 in bonds, against which the current liabilities are charged.

Will Build Warships.

Washington, May 20.—Before adjournment yesterday the house passed the naval appropriation bill. The feature of the debate was on the amendment offered by Mr. Roberts, of Massachusetts, providing that three of the ships provided for in the bill, a battleship, cruiser and a gunboat, shall be built in government yards. Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, made a point of order against the amendment, which Mr. Sherman sustained, but on an appeal by Mr. Roberts the chair was overruled and the amendment was agreed to.

Labor Scarce in Chicago.

Chicago, May 20.—Scarcity of laborers threatens to bring many improvements in Chicago to a standstill. Thousands of men are in demand, and a large increase in wages is offered, but workmen cannot be found. Employment agents are skirmishing among the small cities within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago, trying to pick up a sufficient number of laborers to supply the urgent demand. Unless men can be found, it is declared that by July 1 much work now in progress must stop.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of JULIA SWARTZ, deceased, late of Walker township, Centre county. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement.

J. A. SWARTZ, Hubersburg, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of JOSHUA TAYLOR, deceased, late of Potter township, Centre county. Letters of administration upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement.

JOHN H. TAYLOR, Admr. Tusseyville, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Centre county. In the matter of the estate of FRANKLIN WRIGHT, late of Potter township, deceased. The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Centre county "to make distribution of the balance of the fund in the hands of the accountant to and among those legally entitled thereto" will attend to the duties of his appointment on Monday the 2nd day of June A. D. 1902 at 2 p. m. at his office in Eagle Block, Bellefonte, Pa.; when and where all persons interested in said estate may attend and make proof of their claims or be forever debarred from coming on said fund.

THOS. J. SEXTON, Auditor. Bellefonte, Pa., May 12, 1902.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Patrick McInnis, late of Centre County, Pa. The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the court, to dispose of the exceptions filed to the account of the Admr. C. T. A. and make distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of said accountant, among those legally entitled to receive the same, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office No. 16 north Allegheny street, Bellefonte, Pa., on May 28, 1902, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested are requested to be present, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

JAMES A. B. MILLER, Auditor.

INFORMATION WANTED.

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