

#### THREATENED STRIKE AT LEAST DELAYED

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fled by law, and in open violation of the same, and in many other ways their rights and lib-erties have been trampled upon and in many instances they have been compelled to take their children from school at a very tender age in violation of law and put them to work in the breakers in order to earn sufficient food to

spuport their families.

All of these impositions have been patiently horne until they are no longer hearable. They have sought conference after conference with their employers, hoping to meet them and ob-tain an amelioration of their conditions. Their appeals have been ignored; they have pursued every conceivable conciliatory method; made numerous propositions and have offered to submit the whole situation to arbitrators, and all their efforts have been in vain. They now make application to this board for permission to strike

in accordance with the laws of our union.

We greatly deplore the circumstances which compel us to order a strike in that field, but we feel that we have done all we possibly can to avoid a conflict, with the exception of a slight hepe that has not yet been followed to a defi-tite conclusion. In order that the operators nite conclusion. In order that the operators may have a further opportunity to avert the strike; that the industry and commerce of the New England and Eastern scabourd states may not be temperatify destroyed and permanently injured by an innecessory stoppage in their fuc-empilies; that the many thousands of scorkers engaged in these industries and in commerce whose wenters is intervover with the mining in-terests may not affer from causes over which terests may not suffer from causes over which they have no control, and more time may be had to continue negotiations along the line inimuted, the miners of the authracite field are hereby notified that the national executive board does not deep it advisable to order a strike to does not deem it advisable to order a strike to take effect Sept. 10, as requested by the Hazle-ton convention, but me miness of the whole anitracite region are instructed to restrain themselves for a few days longer and held themselves in readiness to cease work lumediately upon the ending of present negotiations when, if a settlement is not reached, an official endorsement of the strike ordered will be sent cut by this beard.

President L. M. W. of A, W. B. Wilson, Secretary treasurer.

W. R. Wilson, Secretary-treasurer,
Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8, 1990.
Mr. John Dempsey, 856 Lords courr. Scianton,

the anthracite region are ceasing work in an-ticipation of strike being declared today. Na-tional board directs me to advise that insamuch as negeriations are still pending for a settlement that all minors continue work as usual until they receive official notice to suspend work and to hold themselves in readiness to respond, should

clients to effect a settlement prove a fail.

John Mitchell,
President U. M. W. of A.

Continuing his speech, he said: "This ard is composed of men known for eir honesty and integrity, and are so known for their ability to bring your a just settlement, and they are so we negotiating for a peaceable settlement. You will hold yourselves in sadiness for whatever action is taken, venture the assertion that it will not a later than tomorrow. We are not not this controversy for fun or pleastore in the fact of the controversy for fun or pleastore in the fact of the real settlement. The controversy for fun or pleastore in the fact of the real settlement is the controversy for fun or pleastore in this controversy for fun or pleastore in the controvers. The controvers is of the controvers of the controvers in the controvers of the controvers of the controvers in the controvers of the board is composed of men known for their honesty and integrity, and are also known for their ability to bring

want to better your condition." No. 1360, Monday evening, Co-operative hall; No. 1428. Tuesday evening, Flanaghan's hall; Nos. 213 and 1278, Tuesday evening, Cooperative hall; No. 1072, Tuesday evening, D. D. Evans' hall; No. 637, Thursday evening, Co-operative hall: No. 1331, Friday evening, St. Peter's hall.

#### MASS MEETING AT NORTH SCRANTON

Fully one thousand workers in North Scranton mines were present yesterday in Barney's field, on Theodore street, to attend the mass meeting, in response to the placards which were Saturday posted announcing that such would be held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They were an angry crowd of men.

however, when they waited until 3 o'clock without anyone appearing to call the gathering to order and preside over the meeting. No one could be found who knew anything about the issuing of the notices, and the majority of those present were loud in expressing their belief that they had been hoaxed, and some went as far as to say that the entire purpose was

Several impromptu speeches were given, however, and a large number pose some of the miners say, "We had of the men remained about the field all the afternoon. Among the speakers others, and it is not fair that all were Dennis Gannon, a Providence should be paid by the car without any McDonald, president of Throop union, how much or how little coal there was No. 1994, and James Smith, of the in each mine car, I have receive! from Dunmore road, a union man, and also the mine 20,000 tons of clean coal, tion of Montana.

The first-named two speakers counseiled their audience to be calm and which I am ready to pay, but you prudent, and spoke in favor of arbitration, but McDonald and Smith both boldly urged a strike, and declared that if all the miners would strike at the same time, all the trouble would be over inside of a week, and the operators would meet the strikers' demands.

HORRORS OF A STRIKE.

Williams was the first man to speak, and quietly represented to the men the horrors attendant on a strike, and warned them not to rush into it blindfolded. He was followed by Gannon, who, in the course of his

"I say that you should not strike just yet; not until you are better prepared for the fray. I am an old miner myself and I know what a long strike means. Be caim, but when you get a fair chance and are well prepared, miner gets pay for every pound of coal then seize your opportunity and insist on the demands which you consider just and fair.

"I know that the operators are unfair and unjust, but when you consider the misery a strike will cause your fathers and mothers, sisters and wives, then before you try violence

try your best to arbitrate." When Gannon had concluded his remarks, silence fell on the crowd, and best to get the largest possible amount one man angrily called out, "How are of coal in his six cars, because he we going to have our demands grati-

fled unless we do strike?" utes later Fmith sprang on a fence and slate through the rolls of his and in a loud voice championed a breaker. I. H strike. The speaker was a stranger to Scranton, Pa., Sept. 9, 1900.

the majority of those present, but in

"The strike is inevitable," he argued, "but when we have it, I say, let the company property alone. Let us conduct the strike in an orderly manner, and go about our business in a peaceful, quiet way."

M'DONALD'S REMARKS.

to the recent large output of coal from the mines and partly to a belief that the strike might be restricted within narrow limits. But the prospect of a controversy affecting so large a body of laborers and such large investments of capital being abandoned to hostile methods for attributed argusted unmethods for settlement aroused un-easiness among holders and operators in securities. Yesterday's recover in Brooklyn Rapid Transit gave place to a relapse today, and People's Gas con-His remarks were greeted with approval, and Stephen McDonald then ascended the fence. 'It doesn't be-come a young fellow like me," he declared earnestly, "to stand up here and tell men with the experience that many of you have, what to do. However, I am not eager for a strike, personally, but I think it a necessity. They argue that all the miners are not eager for a strike. Of course, all of them are not. Miners who are earning 365 and \$75 a month don't want any strike, but you take the poor devils who are making all the way from \$15 to \$35 a month, and they are eager for a strike, every one of them. I know this to be a fact. There are thousands of men earning these starvation wages, and they are the men who want the strike,"

The speaker concluded by saying: "If John Mitchell says 'strike,' every union man will strike, and if the nonunionists go back, they can only work for a few days. If we all go out to-gether, the strike won't last more than si x or seven days at the most, as the operators will be forced to comply with our demands."

McDonald's remarks were received with a roar of hearty approval.

#### A SUGGESTION FROM ATTORNEY I. H. BURNS

Sir: As everybody Just now seems to be interested in the question of strike or no strike, perhaps suggestions may be in order, even from those who do not understand much of the actual mining of coal. As I understand it, one of the main questions of difference between the miners and the operators is the weighing or estimating the amount of coal in a mine ear, as arrives at the breaker. Every

about a just settlement, and they are tained and credited to the man who now negotiating for a peaceable settle- mined it there would be no difficulty. readiness for whatever action is taken. be, say, six hundred cars hoisted at I venture the assertion that it will not the breaker, and this the work of a into this controversy for fun or pleas-ure, but for better conditions, and I must all go in the rolls together. It Standard Drilling Co. ..... Scranton Bolt and Nut Co advise you to get on the inside if you is also impossible to tell accurately At the close of the speechmaking, the following meetings of local unions

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A SUBSTITUTE.

Why is it not possible to substitute or this a system that would be exact and fair to the operator, and of which the miner could not complain?

My suggestion is that the miners be oald on the basis of the clean coal as weighed in the big cars ready for market. For instance, a breaker turns out 20,000 tons of clean coal for the month. This is the product of 20,000 mine cars, and the coal has been mined by 200 miners, and an account has been kept of the number of mine cars sent out by each miner, but there has been no docking boss.

Suppose the agreement between the

operator and the miners is that the operator shall pay one deliar for each on of clean coal. The operator would then owe the miners \$20,000 for the month's work, and if the miners were to draw them from the West Scranton | willing to trust to the honesty of each other, each would receive one dollar for each car he had mined. But supmore coal in our cars than some of the miner: Thomas Williams, better deduction." In reply to this the oper known as Tom "Nanticoke": Stephen afor says, "I have nothing to do with a member of the Western Federa- which was weighed in the big cars. and you are at liberty to inspect the weights, I owe you, as a body, \$20,000, must agree among yourselves as to the amount that is due to each one of

ANOTHER WAY.

"If you are not willing that each man shall be paid according to the number of cars he sends out, then seect one of your own number as docking boss, you to pay him and he to be entirely under your control, and I will pay each of you on his certificate of the amount you have earned, the total amount, of course, to be the amount due for the whole number of tons of clean coal weighed in the big

The benefit of this plan seems to me to be its apparent justice to both parties. The operator pays for the exact amount of clean coal he sends to market, no more and no less, and the he sends out. What more can he ask? There is no chance for dispute between the operator and miner, because the scales will not lie. The only pos-sible dispute would be between the miners themselves, and this ought to be easy of adjustment. May it not be

worth a trial? Another benefit of this plan would be that the miner would do his very would be paid for the coal and could thus earn more for his day's work. It There was a hitch in the proceedings | would benefit the operator, because he following this, and about twenty min- would not have to put so much rock

I. H. Burns.

mixed and butchers, \$5.05a5.52%; good to choice heavy, \$5.10a5.47%; rough heavy, \$4.90a5.05; light, \$5.15a5.57%; hulle of sales, \$5.15a5.535. Sheep-Receipts, \$2.500; sheep and lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, \$3.50a5.55; fair to choice mixed, \$0.35a5.60; western sheep, \$1.50 a5.83; Texas sheep, \$2.50a5.25; native lambs, \$4.25a5.75; western lambs, \$4.00a5.65. THE MARKETS. Wall Street Review.

New York, Sept. 8 .- With the excep-

firmness of the coalers was partly due to the recent large output of coal from

tinued weak in spite of an effort to make it appear that the Chicago gas war was covered by an understanding

was recovered. Total sales, 71,700. United States refunding 2's when is-sued and the 5's advanced ¼ and the

old 4's 1/2 per cent. in the bid price.

BONDS.

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Scranton Wholesale Market.

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Eggs—Select western, 14c.; nearby state, 144c.

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Philadelphia Grain and Produce.

uhels; corn, 172,000; outs, 74,000.

New York Grain and Produce

Chicago Grain and Produce.

ollows:
Flour-Quiet; winter patents, \$3,80a1; straights, \$1,0a3.70; clears, \$5,10a3.50; apring specials, \$4,0a4.50; patents, \$3,50a1; straights, \$3a5.50; c. 3 spring wheat 735a7.6c; No. 2 red, 75%c.; io. 2 corn, 40%a14c; No. 2 white, 44%a25c; io. 2 corn, \$2,0a2.5c; No. 2 white, 24%a25c; io. 3 white, 24%a25c; No. 2 ryes, 50%c; however, \$8c.; No. 1 flax, \$1,40; No. 1 morthwest, 1.0c; perk, \$11,4a1.1.5; lard, \$6,75a6.85%; rise, 7.5a7.60; shoulders, 6%a6%a; unchanged.

East Liberty Cattle Market.

nst Liberty, Sept. S.—Cattle—Steady; extra ma5.85; prime, 85.40u5.60; common, \$2.50ut. logs—Steady; best mediums, 85.724u5.75; t yorkers &8.65a5.70; heavy mediums, 85.70 5; grassers and thin pigs, \$5.35a5.50; roughs

Sheep-Slow; choice wethers, 84.20a4.30; com m, \$1.50a2.50; choice lambs, \$5.50a5.75; com m to good, \$5.50a5.30; veal caives, \$7a7.59.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

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Chicago, Sept. 8.—Cattle—Nominally steady today. Natives—Good to prime steers, \$5.5000;
poor to medium, \$4.65a5.50; selected feeders, \$4.
a4.75; mixed stockers, \$5a2.50; cows, \$2.75a
a4.50; heifers, \$5a5.00; cows, \$2.75a
a5.50a4.00; calves, \$5a7.50. Texans—Texas fed
steers, \$4.25a5; Texas grassers, steers, \$3.25a4.20;
Texas bulls, \$2.50a3.40.

Hogs—Receipts today, 18,000; tops, \$5.53%;

tion of a dabbling speculation in some of the specialties, notably People's Gas, Sugar and Brooklyn Transit, no particular interest attached to the dealings. The holiday in London aggravated the dullness, and the weakness of the active specialties made the general Buffalo Live Stock Market. East Buffalo, Sept. 8.—Cattle, receipts 8 cars, mostly Texans; market about steady for good to choice fut lots. Hogs—Receipts, 10 cars; market 10 to 13 cents higher for good grades; vorsers, sorn fed, \$8-80a, 500; mixed, \$8,50a,50; heavy, \$8,70a,70; pigs, \$5,70a,50; grassers, \$5,00a,70; roughs, \$4,70a, 5,00. of the active specialties made the gen-eral tone heavy. The impending strike of anthracite miners had a depressing influence on sentiment generally though the coalers themselves were little af-fected. New Jersey Central recovered

5.00.
Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5 fresh and 5 hold overs; steady; hest native lambs, \$5.75a5.50; cuits to good, \$4.50a5; Canadas, \$5.75a5.50; mixed sheep tops, \$8.90a5.75; culls to good, \$1.50a5.50; wethers, \$5.80a4. most of its early decline, and Reading first preferred was not down more than a fraction at any time. None of the other stocks of anthracite carrying roads was dealt in. The comparative New York Live Stock Market. New York, Sept. 8.—Besves—Feeling steady alves, none received; feeling ateady for veals irm for grassers; city dressed veals, 0a12/5c, Sheep—Firm to shade higher; lambs, 10a15c sigher; sheep, \$3.00a4.00; hambs, \$5.30a6.50. Hoge—Steady.

Oil Market.

Oil City, Sept. 8.—Credit balances, 125; or tificates, no bid. No runs nor shipments.

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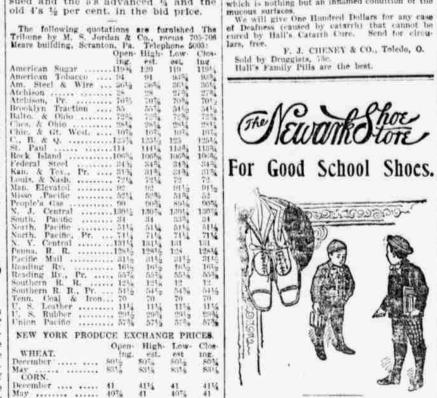
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