

BRYAN ATTACKS NEBRASKA TRUSTS

MAKES SPEECH DEALING WITH ARGO STARCH WORKS.

The Charges Made Against the Argo Company Are Defended—If People of Nebraska Defend Starch Trust They Must Defend All Others.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Nebraska City, Neb., Sept. 26.—Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke to a large crowd here tonight. The speech had been looked forward to with much interest because Mr. Bryan had announced that he would deal with the trust question as affected by the suit instituted by Attorney General Smythe to annul the sale of the Argo Starch works of this city, to the National Starch company, popularly known as the starch trust.

Mr. Bryan came down from Lincoln this afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and personal friends and also by quite a number of supporters from Lincoln and other towns on the way. The party was met at the railroad station by two or three marching clubs and by a large number of admirers, who escorted them to their hotel. There were not many unfriendly interruptions, but evidently some had been expected, for previous to the meeting the mayor of the city issued an order requiring that there be no parading in the streets and warning against it. The meeting was held in the court house grounds and the people stood under the trees much of the time in the rain while Mr. Bryan spoke. Mr. Bryan said in part: "A prominent Republican has accused the Democrats of representing the forces of lawlessness. I mention this because the Republicans of Nebraska City have met and protested against the enforcement of a statute of the state of Nebraska, and a Republican judge was chairman of the resolutions committee. While the meeting was called a non-partisan one, its purpose was purely political and it is worth noting that the Republicans seem better able to enforce their statutes against petty offenders than they are to enforce statutes against great corporations."

"The attorney general has commenced proceedings, not to destroy a local manufacturing establishment, but to prevent the manufacturer from establishing himself from entering into a trust. In this connection it may be well to note the different steps which have been taken."

Mr. Bryan then proceeded to analyze the charges made by the Argo Manufacturing company. In May, 1899, he said it was a prosperous company and successfully competed with the national starch trust. In September of that year it joined with other starch manufacturing concerns in forming the United Starch company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, to take over the Argo starch trust. Continuing, Mr. Bryan said: "About a year later, that is, in August or September of this year, 1900, the third step was taken and the United Starch company joined the trust. First, we have the Argo company from being growing and prospering upon its merits; second, this independent company joins other companies to fight the starch trust, and, third, this independent company, with its associates, joins the starch trust and competition is at last destroyed."

"If the people of Nebraska City defend the starch trust they must be prepared to defend all the other trusts, for it is impossible for them to destroy trusts located elsewhere and defend a trust located here. Are the people of Nebraska City willing to subject themselves and their countrymen to the extortion practiced by all the trusts in order to maintain one trust which has one factory in their city? As a matter of fact, the people of Nebraska City are more interested in the dissolution of the starch trust than the people of other parts of the state."

"The people of your town have already seen a distillery closed down by the whiskey trust. What is to prevent the Argo company from being closed down by the starch trust? When all the factories belong to one corporation the closing down of one factory does not bring loss to the corporation, because the work can be carried on somewhere else; but the Argo company, as an independent company, could not close down without serious loss, therefore the chances are greater in favor of the local factory being closed down under a trust than under independent management. The Argo company as an independent company could not afford to close down and turn off its employees, but when the Argo company becomes a member of the National Starch company its employees have no way of protecting themselves, because the work here can be suspended, while the employees are starved into submission."

"If an order comes from the head office in New York to reduce the wages in all the starch factories, the men have nothing to do but submit. The same greed which leads the trust to raise prices and extort from consumers will allow it to lower wages and do injustice to the employees."

"The attorney general is seeking to enforce a statute of Nebraska. The law is a good law and ought to be enforced, and the people of Nebraska City ought to hold a mass meeting to commend him rather than condemn him. The fusion forces believe in enforcing both state laws and national laws against the trusts. The Kansas City platform demands the abolition of all private monopolies, and if the Democratic ticket is successful, I believe legislation will be enacted which will make it impossible for the National Starch company to buy, bully or wheedle the Argo company into joining a trust, and with the dissolution of the starch trust will come the dissolution of all other trusts which are now plundering the people."

ROCKEFELLER WINS. Arbitrators Decide in Favor of the Oil King in Corrihan Case.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, Sept. 26.—Judge Lanson, of the common pleas court, today handed down a decision in favor of John D. Rockefeller in the million dollar suit brought against the latter by

NO SOLDIERS FOR HAZLETON

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mously voted to strike. Before this action was taken, George W. Heart, secretary of the United Mine Workers' union in the Lykens valley district, made an address urging them to join the strike.

He was followed by Rev. Father Logan, rector of the Williamstown Catholic church, in a speech urging the men to stand by the company and continue at work. Twelve hundred men and boys are working at the Williamstown colliery.

MARKLES' MEN ARE STILL AT WORK Will Continue Until Efforts Toward Arbitration Have Failed—Less Than 25 Per Cent. Mined.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, Sept. 26.—The employees of G. B. Markle & Co., who have remained at work during the present strike, pending the consideration of grievances presented ten days ago, met at noon today at No. 5 Jeddito mine for the purpose of considering the answer the firm made yesterday. There were about 150 men present. Each grievance and its answer was taken up separately, and it was decided to ask for arbitration of those demands which the firm did not concede. A motion to continue work tomorrow was declared carried by the chairman. The Markles mines were closed today in order to give the men a chance to hold this meeting.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY OPENED. Freshmen and Sophomores Have Their Cane Rush.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bethlehem, Sept. 26.—Lehigh university opened this afternoon with a total registration of 465, an increase of sixty over last year. President Brown, after welcoming the students, condemned hazing as unworthy and unmanly. The freshmen and sophomores, however, had their cane rush, the sophomores of victorious.

County Treasurer Robbed. Thieves Force Their Victim Into a Vault and Lock the Door.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Merced, Calif., Sept. 26.—County Treasurer Hambauer was held up late last night while on his way home and forced at the point of a pistol to go to his office and open the vault containing the county funds. After securing \$1,500 in money and some papers the thieves forced Hambauer into the safe and sprang the combination.

ROOSEVELT'S TOUR. Enthusiastic Reception Given Him at Colorado Springs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 26.—A great demonstration was made in Colorado Springs today on arrival of the Roosevelt train. The governor made a short speech in the Temple theater and one in the opera house. Both places were crowded. All business houses along the line of march were decorated with bunting. The escort consisted of the Flambeau club, G. A. R. organizations and various other civic and military bodies.

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TO AID STRIKERS. Pastor of Russian Greek Church Will Mortgage Property.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Sept. 26.—Rev. John Constantine, pastor of the Russian Greek church here and vicar general of the United States, sprung a somewhat important and certainly unexpected surprise this afternoon. He announced that in the event of the strike continuing until suffering and destitution put in an appearance he and his congregation had arranged to mortgage the whole of their church property, valued at over \$25,000 and divide the proceeds among the sufferers, and in the event of the strike being continued for a longer period the entire congregation will leave this region. The situation here remains unchanged.

NO CONCESSIONS. President Treadwell Denies Report in Newspapers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Sept. 26.—President Treadwell, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, said today concerning the report published in two morning newspapers that the mine operators had secretly agreed to make certain concessions to the miners' demands that so far as he knew there was no basis for such reports. He added that the situation was unchanged from yesterday.

AID IS TENDERED. President Mitchell Declines Help from Philadelphia Trades Council.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—Secretary R. T. Mitchell of the Allied Building Trades Council, of this city, today received a letter from President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, declining for the present a proffer of financial aid for the striking mine workers. The offer of assistance announced that special subscriptions would be received if the mine workers so desired.

TIE-UP COMPLETE AT SHENANDOAH Company Suspends Operations at Cambridge to Insure Safety of Their Employees.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 26.—A band of strikers today marched to the Brookwood washery, near Mahanoy City, and induced the men at work there to return to their homes. There was no violence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 26.—The closing tonight of the Cambridge colliery, operated by the Cambridge Coal company, completed the tie-up in the vicinity of this borough. This was a small operation, employing about 140 men, and was the last of the mines working today between Hazleton and Ashland. D. K. James, a member of the firm, informed Provost Marshal Miller today that strikers had intimidated the men and that the company decided to suspend operations to insure the safety of the employees. Mr. James told Major Miller that strikers had entered the homes of Cambridge employees at night and threatened them with bodily harm if they continued to work. Brookwood washery east of Mahanoy city was working with a full force this morning, when a number of strikers visited the place and induced the men to return to their homes. The strikers did not resort to violence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Ashland, Pa., Sept. 26.—The colliery resumed today with almost its entire force, the Potts colliery at Locustdale, and Locust Spring colliery at Locust Gap, are also in operation.

BIRDSEYE SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION IN THE LEHIGH AND SCHUYLKILL REGIONS

Special to the Scranton Tribune. HAZLETON, PA., Sept. 26.—The number of idle men in the Hazleton and Schuylkill regions were reinforced yesterday by the 460 men employed in the Harwood Colliery of Calvin Pardee & Company. An error of transmission credited the 485 men of the Enterprise Coal company as working, whereas they have been out since the beginning of the strike. The total number of idle men yesterday was 25,923 and the number at work 39,174.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Colliery, Name of Operator, No. of men employed when colliery working full, No. of men at work.

Number of men idle 25,923. The Highland, Jeddo and Ebervale collieries of Markle and Co. were idle yesterday, but not on strike. The men wanted a day off to consider the answer made to their demands and the company acquiesced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Orient, passed through Washington today on his way to Alabama to visit relatives.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mr. Hobson has not received the report which the secretary of the navy recommended for his heroic work in Santiago harbor. The secretary recommended that he be advanced eight

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 26.—Rev. W. B. Evans, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church at Hazleton, died today of typhoid fever. He graduated from Yale in the class of '54.

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