

BIG PARADE OF STRIKERS

TWO THOUSAND SILK MILL GIRLS MARCH STREETS.

Marshal of Day and Executive Committee Led First Division of Parade and Mother Jones the Second.

one of the most unique sights ever viewed on the streets of this city was seen yesterday, when great numbers of spectators watched at least two thousand of the striking silk mill girls parade the central thoroughfares, marching in excellent order and with precise step to the music of several bands and drum corps.

The delegations, selected from Wilkes-Barre and Pottsville, did not arrive until about 10 o'clock. They were met by the local mills turned out in big representations. After the parade, lunch was served to the younger children at Carpenters' hall, and last night a mass meeting was held at the armory, at which addresses were made by Mother Jones, secretary of the National Women's Trade Union League, and other speakers.

Yesterday's parade may be said to be one of the first in the history of the county in which almost the entire number of participants were young girls, and the remainder small boys. It formed on Wyoming avenue, and started on the line of march about 2:45 o'clock.

FORMATION OF PARADE.

The formation of the parade suffered material changes from the make-up originally decided upon. It was found impossible to have the marchers resolve themselves into divisions from their own mills, as a result of which Sanquett girls and Harvey workers walked side by side and hands from Petersburg and strikers from Pottsville were in the same line.

The parade was headed by mounted officers Joseph Bloch and W. H. Burke, and close after them came St. Louis Drum corps, the young musicians of which, in their white duck trousers and red blouses, presented a natty appearance. Close behind followed Grand Marshal James Lyons, one of the strikers from Pottsville, David & Schoen's Petersburg platoon, and a number of other members of the executive committee.

They were Celia Donleavy, of the Simpson mill at Pottsville; Julia Hazzerty, of Harvey River, mill, and Maudie Symonds, of Sanquett. They led the first division, which was almost entirely made up of the youngest girls on strike. Numerous banners were carried by the girls, upon which were inscribed various legends protesting against poor wages, long hours, etc.

BANNERS CARRIED.

Many of these were cleverly gotten up. One sign carried by a robust-looking little girl excitedly demanded: "Does the factory inspector do his duty? Doesn't he know that the little ones are hiding when he comes around?" "We want our silk measured, and full pay for what we weave," was the legend on another banner.

A delegation of larger girls from the central city mills followed, and conspicuous among them were carried on high banners bearing legends descriptive of mill discipline and rejecting the proffers of settlement on the original offers made. "Fifteen cents for laughing at our boss," read one of these signs, and "Are the mill owners afraid to confer with us?" was the statement on another.

Some of these banners aroused much merriment along the line. Among those latter was one carried by a grim-faced breaker, which bore the rather satirical announcement: "Some of us get \$1 per week. Let us open a bank account." "The small girls in the van marched four abreast, but the majority of larger strikers who followed walked by threes, and in some cases only by couples. The entire procession took about twenty minutes to pass a given point.

The strikers from Pottsville, David & Schoen's Petersburg platoon, and other members of the executive committee were embodied in the wording of a banner, which read: "Clash your hair with the wage scale," says Davis.

AN OMINOUS PLACARD.

The few girls who are still at work were threatened by an ominous placard lauded with red paint bearing the announcement, "Only a few more days left for seats to work." "Bosses allow us three drinks of water a day; their own drinks are unlimited," was another shot at the employers.

The first division was closed by a big representation of girls from Valentine Blisse Dickinson mill. They were preceded by a large number of small breaker boys carrying large American flags, and many of the strikers also carried national banners. "Barrath for the Textile Workers against tyranny and robbery," was their sentiment expressed on a sign carried.

The second division followed about twenty yards behind, and was headed by Mother Jones. The latter walked side by side with Miss Mary Manning, ex-president of the Sanquett silk workers, and a member of the executive committee. Miss Lida Healey, secretary of the Sanquett union, was also in the van of this part of the procession.

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

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ALASKA'S POPULATION 63,952.

Number Has Almost Doubled in the Past Ten Years.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—The total population of Alaska in 1900, as shown by the returns of the twelfth census, is 63,952, as against 32,652 for 1890. This is an increase in ten years of 31,450, or 95.4 per cent.

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which have been spent at New Orleans and other places. During his absence Mr. Daly has improved in health and looks splendid.

This and That.

Frank Dowling has been appointed local watch inspector at Northumberland for the Lackawanna railroad.

All Lackawanna passenger conductors are expected to call at "W. F." office, Binghamton, within a few minutes of leaving time of their trains and ascertain whether there are any orders for them.

The Erie Railroad company has evidently ignored the rumored offer of \$100,000 to locate their shops in this city, for now the report is made that the company has decided to change the shops from Susquehanna to Elliptown, which is about one and a half miles east of Waynes.

WILKES-BARRE STRIKE NEARING SETTLEMENT

Silk Company Makes Great Concession, but Will Not Discharge Loom Fixers at the Bidding of Strikers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 7.—The settlement of the strike at the Goldsmith silk mill, which has been on for several months, is thought to be nearing the end, although resumption of work will not be immediate.

At a conference of strikers and employers, held yesterday morning, the latter agreed to grant the greater part of the grievances, but the striking girls stand firm for all. The conference lasted over two hours, and each grievance was considered separately.

Mr. Goldsmith made the following offer, which is regarded as a great concession:

To take all the girls back, including the two who were discharged and whose reinstatement was made one of the grievances; to replace the clocks which were taken out; to furnish all ice water needed for drinking purposes; to place the twistlers on piecework, instead of work by the day, which is virtually an advance of wages as demanded by this grade of operatives; to pay all fines to any charitable institution designated by the strikers, and if the Scranton company should settle with their employees on a better basis, to pay the Scranton scale.

As to the reinstatement of the loomfixers, Mr. Goldsmith would not agree. When the latter went on strike he had filled their places with other men, and he positively refused to discharge these at the bidding of the strikers.

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