

READING COMPANY ON THE AGGRESSIVE

Names of Mine Workers Anxious to Return to Work Are Being Recorded.

LIKELY SOON TO TRY TO RESUME

Pressure on Fire Bosses and Clerks Increases—Company Officials Complain of Secret Intimidation of the Wives and Children of Men at Work—No Change in the Situation at Wilkes-Barre—Strikers Help to Save a Breaker Threatened by Fire Started by a Bolt of Lightning.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Reading, Pa., June 13.—Another car load of workmen went through here for the coal regions today. Thus far it is said the Reading company has secured more than 1,000 men, mostly firemen, engineers and pumpmen. It was stated by an official that there is not a colliery in the Reading company's territory where the pumps are not being manned today, where desired. The provisions for the men are being secured in the large cities and distributed by the company to the different operations. The names of all mine workers who apply for employment are being taken, and it is probable that when the company gets in a position to start up several of its collieries they will be called upon. Miners will probably likely be brought at the collieries, under a strong guard, when mining resumes.

Situation at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 13.—The work of the strikers in attempting to bring out all men who are still in the employ of the coal companies goes steadily on. Their campaign against the engineers, firemen and pumpmen is nearly over, most of these men being out, and the union is now paying more attention to the fire bosses, clerks and others who have taken the places of those who quit. Pressure is being brought to bear on them in every possible way. Quite a number of the fire bosses throughout the region have already stopped work because they had been asked to take the strikers' places, and at a meeting held here this afternoon about a dozen more consented to join the strikers. The labor leaders hope to have more out by Monday. The company officials are aware of the attack on the fire bosses and they are making every effort to hold them. The miners' union is now planning to expel from the organization all engineers, firemen and pumpmen who have not obeyed the strike order. They have been given until tomorrow night to join the strikers. If they do not quit they will be expelled and their names published throughout the region as "unfair" workmen.

Intimidation Charged.

The officials of coal companies in this region are complaining of what they call "secret intimidation" of the families of workmen who have remained loyal to their employers. In an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press today, the superintendent of one of the largest coal companies in the entire hard coal belt said: "I am ready to believe that the leaders of the strikers are sincerely attempting to open violence, but there is another form of intimidation that is more effective than the open intimidation of our employees. It is the secret intimidation of the wives and children of men who are willing to work to support them. Information that is absolutely trustworthy has reached us that the local unions in various mining settlements are passing resolutions calling upon certain tradesmen in the community not to supply food to the families of those men who are still at work. If they do not carry out these resolutions the storekeepers are threatened with a boycott which will ruin them forever in the particular community they may now be living. Most of the husbands and male supporters of these families dare not leave our collieries for fear of bodily harm and are living in quarters provided by us. Consequently the women and children cannot protect themselves. Every day we get appeals from these families, and in every instance the company takes it upon itself to see that they shall not hereafter be cut off from their daily supply of the necessities of life." The miners' leaders as a rule will not talk of the matter of boycotting, but the rank and file of the strikers openly admit that they try to boycott all men whom they look upon as being "unfair" workers.

Nothing Developed Here Today Which in Any Way Changed the Situation.

President Mitchell had nothing to give out regarding the West Virginia situation. Strikers Help to Save Breaker. During a terrific thunder storm in this region tonight, the mule barn of the Delaware and Hudson company's Boston colliery at Larksville was struck by lightning and set on fire. The flames spread rapidly and three hundred strikers formed a bucket brigade and prevented the fire from spreading to the big coal breaker which is in close proximity to the burning barn.

Soft Coal Situation.

Rooseok, Va., June 13.—The officials of the Norfolk and Western Railway company today stated that the situation in the Pocahontas coal fields is improved and the prospects for a resumption of work with full forces of miners are brighter than at any time since the strike was declared. There has been a gradual increase in the number of strikers returning to work during the week and today one mine is working 100 more union men than yesterday. The percentage of men returning in this mine is larger than at the other operations, but all of them are making gains. Two hundred and fifty cars of coal were loaded yesterday and today's output will exceed that number. Every operation heard from was getting out some coal and it is thought from what reports have come from the fields that twenty-five operations out of a total of forty-six were at work today. The officials are of the opinion that the entire field will have resumed its normal condition by the middle of next week at the latest. Reports to the effect that outside labor is being sought are confirmed, but it is explained that at no time during the strike is the force of miners sufficient to meet the demands and consequently there is no special significance attached to this action. Many of the men who have gone to the fields since the strike began were engaged a month ago. Practically all of those returning to work are union men. There has been no reports of violence and none is expected.

One Company Grants Concessions.

Charleston, W. Va., June 13.—Captain J. K. Thompson, United States marshal, disclaims any responsibility for the presence of his deputies at Collins colliery, at Clean Jean, and says if there are there it is as private citizens and under their own responsibility. The operators, it is said, asked Thompson to enforce the injunction issued in 1897, but he declined. It applies to five or six collieries and is directed to Fred Dilcher, Eugene Debs, Chris Evans and several others, and their associates, coalfield agents and promoters. The Mine Branch company has made concessions, reducing the price of powder, allowing a nine-hour day and pay every two weeks. The men voted today to return to work. The granting of concessions by the Hocking Valley and Mile Branch operators, it is believed, will put a new face on the strike in that section. It is the first break of the operators to get their men to return to work and other operators will probably follow their example.

Officials Coming East.

Chicago, June 13.—W. D. Ryan, secretary and treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, accompanied by other state officials, left tonight for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where they will confer with the Illinois officials and the operators. The mission to the striking field is, they refuse to divulge, and Mr. Ryan refuses to confirm or deny any report that the miners of Illinois will strike in sympathy with the Pennsylvania men. It is generally believed that the Illinois officials are going to confer with President Mitchell regarding a sympathetic strike in Illinois coal fields.

HOW THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED

Disposition on the Part of Leaders on Both Sides to Claim Some Advantage from the Message.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 13.—The president's reciprocity message gave senators a live topic of conversation today, but so far as is yet apparent, there is no change in the situation. There was a disposition on the part of the leaders on both sides of the controversy to claim some advantage from the message. The straight reciprocity men urged that the effect would be to cause at least some of the beet sugar Republicans to abandon their opposition. They contended that many of them had misunderstood the attitude of the president and now that the Illinois officials are going to no longer any excuse for opposing straight reciprocity measures. The beet sugar leaders, on the other hand, declared that the message had caused no loss whatever to them and that all those senators who had stood with them yesterday were still with them. They also asserted that the president's interposition in the matter had had the effect of causing to hesitate some senators who heretofore had not taken a positive stand against reciprocity because of the feeling that the president should leave congress to deal with the subject in its present stage. There is still more or less canvassing of the wisdom of holding a Republican caucus and it is probable that ultimately one will be held, but no date is now mentioned.

Diamond Broker Arrested.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 13.—After being hunted by detectives for a week and finally located in this city, Arthur J. Kahn was arrested tonight on a capias issued by Justice Gummere of the Supreme court at Trenton, and was held in \$50,000 bail by Judge Endicott, acting as a commissioner. Kahn was arrested while hunting for a friend who was wanted for a big coal breaker which is in close proximity to the burning barn.

Woman's Golf Tournament.

New York, June 13.—In the woman's golf tournament today Mrs. E. A. Manice, the present champion, defeated Miss Genevieve Hecker in the semi-finals of the Metropolitan championship, and Miss Helen Hernandez won from Mrs. William Shippen. Mrs. Manice and Miss Hernandez will play the final match tomorrow.

Negro Hanged.

Moundsville, W. Va., June 13.—Perry Christian, a negro, 28 years of age, was hanged in the state penitentiary today. In March, 1901, Christian murdered G. W. Dent, near Boomer, W. Va.

PRESIDENT URGES CONGRESS TO PASS CUBAN RECIPROCIITY BILL

Sends a Special Message Emphasizing the Need of Early Legislation for the Relief of the Economic Strain.

Washington, June 13.—President Roosevelt sent a special message to congress this morning reiterating his former recommendations for the passage of a law creating reciprocity with Cuba, and presenting additional arguments thereon. The message contains no reference to the recent disclosures regarding the appropriation by General Wood of the Cuban funds for the circulation of reciprocity literature. The text of the message is as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is important before the adjournment of congress to call attention to the following expressions in the message which, in the discharge of the duty imposed upon me by the constitution, I sent to congress on the first Tuesday of December last. (Here follow extracts from that document.) Yesterday, June 12, I received by cable from the American minister in Cuba, a most earnest appeal from President Palma for "legislative relief before it is too late, and (his) country financially ruined."

The granting of reciprocity with Cuba is a proposition which stands entirely alone. The reasons for it are unique and its benefits are far-reaching. It is a proposition which is entirely consistent with preserving intact the protective system under which this country has thrived so marvelously. The present tariff law was designed to promote the adoption of such a protective system under which the country has thrived so marvelously. The present tariff law was designed to promote the adoption of such a protective system under which the country has thrived so marvelously.

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NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS

Mule Barn Struck by Lightning. Miners Organized a Bucket Brigade to Save Breaker.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 13.—The Wyoming valley was visited by a heavy rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning this evening. The mule barn of the Boston colliery, of the Delaware and Hudson company at Larksville, was struck by lightning and set on fire. There was danger of the flames spreading to the big breaker adjoining. To prevent this the striking miners organized a bucket brigade and fought the fire. The breaker was saved but the barn was entirely destroyed.

I. T. U. OFFICERS.

James M. Lynch, of Syracuse, Re-elected President.

DR. CONNELL HONOURED.

Named by Governor Stone as Trustee of Danville Hospital.

Root-Carter Fight On.

Philadelphia, June 13.—The six-round boxing contest between "Jack" Root, of Chicago, and "Kid" Carter, of Brooklyns, scheduled for the Penn Athletic club today did not take place. After the preliminaries had been arranged, the management announced that the box office receipts had been attached for the payment of an old account, the sum of \$1,000 being appropriated by the sheriff's officers. Root and Carter had been guaranteed \$3,000, and as that amount was not represented in the admissions they declined to enter the ring.

Jockeys in Collision—One Killed.

St. Louis, June 13.—Jockey Donegan was killed in the first race at the fair grounds today, his skull being crushed in a collision between his mount and another horse. The horses, Pettibon and Bates, collided, throwing their jockeys. Donegan and B. Matthews. Pettibon's hoof struck Donegan's skull, crushing it. The jockey died soon after being taken from the track. Matthews was badly hurt.

Porto Rico Will Be Recognized.

Washington, June 13.—Senator Foraker today introduced a measure providing that the resident commissioner from Porto Rico shall have a seat in the house of representatives, but without a vote, thus placing that official on the same level as delegates from the territories.

SITUATION QUIET AT PANTUCKET

Deputy Sheriffs Removed from the Street Cars—Troops Will Also Be Withdrawn from the Scene.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pawtucket, R. I., June 13.—Action which the authorities hope means the beginning of the end of the reign of violence incident to the street railway strike was taken today by High Sheriff White removing his deputy sheriffs from the street cars. He did this on the ground that the substantial benefits politically, and one should put her in the same exceptional position economically. The proposed action is in line with the course we have pursued as regards all the islands with which we have been brought into relations of varying intimacy by the Spanish war. Porto Rico and Hawaii have been included in our list of islands to be treated as a separate territory, which stand in a different relation, have been granted substantial tariff concessions.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

Writs Issued Against Members of Irish Parliamentary Party.

Dublin, June 13.—At the instance of Lord de Freyne, a writ has been issued against a large number of members of the Irish parliamentary party on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the tenant troubles on the De Freyne estate, Roscommon county.

Hawaii in Danger.

Honolulu, June 6.—Hawaii has broken loose again, according to a report received today by steamer. Flames and smoke are rising above the crater. The outbreak took place June 2, and up to the time of the last reports from Hawaii, dated yesterday, it was still continuing. The outbreak has been overshadowed for many days by an increase over the normal volume of smoke coming from the crater. There also have been slight earthquakes. No eruptions of lava or ashes have taken place.

Wage Increase at Reading.

Reading, June 14.—The Reading Iron company today advanced the wages of its moulder from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per ton and the pay of many other employes in proportion.

SOUFRIERE VOLCANO STILL ACTING UP

Frequent Emissions of Black Steam Keep Inhabitants of St. Vincent in a State of Uneasiness.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, June 11.—Fleet Surgeon Isaac H. Anderson, of the British navy, and the scientific commission appointed by the Royal society to investigate the volcanic disturbances here, arrived at Kingstown yesterday and left today for Chateau Belair, intending to ascend the Soufriere volcano when possible.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, June 13.—Arrived: Campania, Liverpool, Auguste Victoria, Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg. Cleared: Etruria, Liverpool; Ethiopeia, Glasgow; Lahn, Naples and Genoa; Rotterdam, Rotterdam, via Boulogne, Southampton—Sailed: Fuerst Bismarck (from Hamburg), New York via Cherbourg. Arrived: Hohenzollern, New York. Lizard—Passed: Groszer Kurfurt, New York for Cherbourg and Bremen. Queensland—Arrived: Luccania, New York for Liverpool and proceeded.

Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington, June 13.—The senate committee on inter-state commerce today authorized a favorable report on the bill extending the safety appliance law so as to make it applicable to locomotive tenders as well as to cars.

IRRIGATION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

WHOLE TOWN WIPED OUT. Alexander City, Ala., Prey to the Flames.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Montgomery, Ala., June 13.—Alexander City, Alabama, a town of 1,500 people, was practically wiped out by fire today. The estimated loss reached \$750,000, which the insurance will not begin to cover. The town was not supplied with waterworks. The telegraph office was destroyed and all telephone communication with the town has been impaired, making it impossible to learn full details of the fire. The fire originated in the Alexander City Machine company's shop at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Every business house, including three banks, the post-office, two hotels, two livery stables and nine dwellings were destroyed. The Methodist church and court house were also burned. No lives were lost. The railroad established a telegraph office under a tree, and appeals for help and for food are going out.

ELECTRIC SPARK FIRES CELLULOID

Novelty Leather Factory in Philadelphia Totally Destroyed and Many Have Narrow Escapes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, June 13.—Fire today destroyed the novelty leather factory of H. M. Rosenblatt & Co., a four story brick structure at Second and Oxford streets and resulted in severe injuries to a dozen persons. The John Moffat public school, opposite the leather works, was damaged. The rapid spread of the flames gave rise to rumors that a number of employes had met death in the burning factory, but these reports proved to be erroneous. A member of the firm of Rosenblatt & Co. tonight said all of the employes had been accounted for. There were many sensational and narrow escapes, most of the four hundred men and women employed in the factory saving their lives by leaping from the windows into nets held by firemen. Kate Scheidell, aged 15 years, was carried down a ladder by a policeman. She was badly burned and her condition is reported as serious. Others severely injured are: George Hebert, aged 47, back injured. John Snyder, aged 22, shoulder dislocated and leg fractured. Samuel Frankerman, aged 25, burned about body. Several others, including a police sergeant and two firemen, sustained severe lacerations and were overcome by heat and shock.

WYOMING VALLEY VISITED BY STORM

J. Norman Risley and Bert K. Vannaten Named as Assistant Surgeons—Co. C Disbanded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, June 13.—An order was issued from National Guard headquarters today announcing that J. Norman Risley, of Philadelphia, and Bert K. Vannaten, of Venango, had been appointed assistant surgeons, the former in the Third and the latter in the Sixteenth regiments. Company C, Fourteenth regiment, is ordered to be disbanded. The Tenth regiment is authorized to place silver rings on its color staves, upon which shall be engraved the names of the engagements in which it participated during the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

With the exception of a few minutes devoted to the reading of the president's message, the time necessary to continue two nominations at the beginning of the session, the senate spent the entire day in considering the nomination of Captain William Crozier, to be chief of the bureau of ordnance. The principal speeches of the day were made by Senators Cockrell and Proctor, the former favoring the confirmation and the latter opposing that course.

GOVERNOR TAFT HONOURED.

Rome, June 13.—Francis McAnault, an American, who is private chamberlain to the pope, and who lives in the Pamphili palace, which belongs to Prince Doria, gave a dinner and reception tonight to William H. Taft, civil governor of the Philippine Islands, and members of his party. The plenary sessions between today. Taft and the sub-commission of cardinals will commence tomorrow.

PENSIONS GRANTED.

Washington, June 13.—Pensions were granted John Meeker, of White Haven, Pa., and Edward Sealy, of Elmhurst, Ill.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for June 13, 1902: Highest temperature 87 degrees Lowest temperature 65 degrees Relative humidity: 8 p. m. 72 per cent. 8 p. m. 76 per cent. Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m. 12 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 13.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania: Showers, thunderstorms and cooler Saturday; Sunday probably fair; variable winds.