



STRIKERS CLOSE THE LACE MILLS

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 17.—Because the general manager would not discharge five girls whose relatives are still at work in the mines, the Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company, the largest in the United States, and the third largest in the world, was compelled to shut down today. Between \$90 and 1,000 persons are affected. The lace makers and cotton workers are strongly organized, and have been helping the striking miners in every way possible. It appears the lace makers learned that relatives of the girls were working in the mines and the girls were given the alternative of either quitting the lace mill or having their relatives leave the collieries. Calling in this the cotton workers' union requested the discharge of the girls, but Manager J. W. Doran refused to comply.

The employees of the cotton department throughout the mill, who were asked the weavers what they intended to do after a meeting the weavers replied that they could not work with "unfair" workers, and also quit.

The shutting down of the lace mill was the only important development in the Wyoming region today. The general strike situation remains unchanged. The miners report that more men came out today, and the coal company officials, on the contrary, claimed they are increasing their force around the collieries. Some of these men are used in the fire rooms and at the pumps, and others were engaged to do guard duty.

There is a persistent rumor about that non-union men will be brought into the coal fields to mine coal. This can not be done because practically all the anthracite miners in the country are located in this region and all are on strike. New men cannot take their places because under the laws of Pennsylvania no man can be employed as a miner without having first obtained a certificate showing that he has had a two years' experience at anthracite mining. These certificates are issued by examining boards composed of miners appointed by the president of each county in which anthracite coal is produced. The only way the companies can start their collieries is by a break in the ranks of the strikers. As present there is no sign that such a thing will happen.

Mystery at Headquarters.

There was a mysterious air about strike headquarters all day. President Mitchell was unusually reticent, he having not a word to say regarding either the anthracite or the West Virginia strike.

District President Nichols, of the upper region and Fahy of the lower district held conferences with him, but it was given out that nothing of importance was discussed.

CANNOT GET ANTHRACITE.

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Five fire and sub-bosses returned to work today at the Mineral and Union collieries. The order for stable bosses and watchmen to go on strike this afternoon for an eight-hour work day was not heeded by any one here.

STRIKERS BEAT A FIREMAN.

Non-Union Man Severely Handled. John Strack Arrested.

Hazleton, June 17.—Lelford Miller, of New York city, formerly a lumber salesman and until last night employed as a non-union fireman at the Milnesville colliery, fell into the hands of strikers at West Hazleton today and was very badly beaten. John Strack, of Cranberry, was arrested this afternoon, charged with being implicated in the hold-up of Frank Applegate along the Cranberry road, Saturday morning, following the attempted dynamiting of Applegate's home.

ROANOKE STRIKERS MARCHING

A Detective and Five Officers Riding at Their Head.

Roanoke, Va., June 17.—A special from Vivian, W. Va., says the army of strikers which marched down through the coal field last night took up the march today for Pocahontas, Va., where they will camp tonight. They left West Vivian several hundred strong. At Bottom Creek, a dozen miners who were standing at the commissary ready to enter the mines, joined the marchers. At mines all along the line of march, a few joined the marchers, and they will likely reach their destination with about 800 men.

A detective is riding at their head with five officers, and is holding them in control. At Keystone, they were joined by a band which seemed to be Morris' outfit, and they were at Coldale it is said that a large band of sympathizers is waiting to join them armed with Winchesters, shot guns and revolvers. A guard of twenty-five well armed men are watching this delegation in the woods near Keystone. A Morris' guard was shot at Empire Coal and Coke company's Tipple mine last night but not seriously injured. The aggressor was taken today.

STONED BY CAR RIOTERS.

Motorman and Conductor Driven from Their Posts.

Pawtucket, June 17.—Scarcely a third of the troops gathered at the armory here were sent out this morning to reinforce the local police in the preservation of order. A dozen cars were started on the various lines through this city and Central Falls during the forenoon. The Inter-city line was run on scheduled time, under guard of a detachment of the militia, which was stretched out far into the suburbs. A preconcerted attack was made in the morning on a Dexter street car by strike sympathizers was used when the car came to a standstill at the power station were hurled with such violence at the conductor and motorman that they forsook the car. The motorman was struck several times, one stone injuring his back.

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STRIKE LEADERS INDICTED.

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DEPARTMENT STORE BURNED.

Strasbourg, O., June 17.—The Garvar Brothers department store here burned today with a loss of about \$100,000. It is thought that the fire was started by robbers.

TRUSTEES REAPPOINTED.

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Toronto Board of Trade Working to Prevent Trouble.

Toronto, June 17.—By this afternoon of an eight-hour work day was not heeded by any one here. A committee of the board of trade, appointed in the business interests of the city, were admitted to a conference. President Ames, after adjournment, made the following report: "It was resolved to have a mass meeting of all the employees called by the committee of the board of trade, to be held tonight at midnight. The committee appointed by this meeting and discuss their differences with them. In the meantime the company agrees to take off during the negotiations all the spare men it has put on the cars since a week ago."

THE MAIN STATE PLATFORM DEALS AT LENGTH WITH NATIONAL ISSUES.

CONGRESSMAN CLARK PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The Speaker Announces That the Republican Majority in Congress Is Split Into Warring Factions. The Platform Contends That the Liberation of Cuba Was Forced by the Democratic Party.

IN THE FIELD OF POLITICS

Conventions Held and Tickets and Delegates Were Selected.

West Chester, Pa., June 17.—The Democratic state convention today nominated Hon. S. W. Gould, of Skowhegan, for governor; adopted a platform which deals at some length with national issues, and listened to a political address by Congressman Champ Clark, of Missouri. Throughout the entire convention enthusiasm prevailed.

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