

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1902.

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MORE CAVALRY IS ORDERED OUT

The Sheridan Troop, of Tyrone, Will Report to Colonel Watres, at Olyphant, Today.

A BOLD ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE GOVERNOR

Officers of the Centralia Local Alleged That Sheriff Knorr's Request for Troops Was a Forgery—They Send a Telegram to That Effect to Governor Stone—General Gobin Will Send Troops to Centralia and Aid in the Arrest of Persons Who Have Stopped and Delayed Trains and Forcibly Taken Non-Union Men from the Cars.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—Governor Stone today ordered the Sheridan troops of Tyrone to report to General Gobin for duty in the anthracite strike territory. The troop left Tyrone this evening by special train under orders to reinforce the Thirteenth regiment at Olyphant. Camp equipment and canvas was shipped from the state arsenal in this city in a special car, which was attached to the troopers' train at Tyrone.

Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 28.—Colonel Watres, who is in command of the troops stationed in Lackawanna county, asked General Gobin today for cavalry and the Sheridan troop, of Tyrone, has been ordered out by the governor. The cavalry left Tyrone this evening and are expected to report to Colonel Watres of the Thirteenth regiment early tomorrow morning.

Sheriff Knorr, of Columbia county, says he did not sign nor authorize his name to be signed to the telegram which was sent to Governor Stone asking that troops be sent to Centralia. The following telegram was sent to the governor tonight:

Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 28, 1902. To William A. Stone, Governor.

Harrisburg, Pa. General Gobin says he will send troops to Centralia to make arrests, action certain to cause complications and injustice. We guarantee peaceful surrender of all accused persons to civil authorities. Telegrams to Sheriff and the general will show truth of these statements.

(Signed) Terrence Glinley, Member Executive Board, United Mine Workers.

John J. O'Donnell, President Centralia Local Union.

Thomas J. Quinn, Secretary. Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—Governor Stone called up General Gobin by telephone tonight and advised him that he had received a telegram from Shenandoah advising him that the call for troops to Columbia county was a forgery.

General Gobin replied that the sheriff's call for soldiers was authentic, and that Knorr had sent his deputy to him (Gobin) for troops.

After his talk with Gobin, the governor said that the general would send troops to aid in the arrest of persons who have stopped and delayed trains and forcibly taken non-union men from cars.

MR. MITCHELL'S STATEMENT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 28.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, today gave out the following statement. He replies to President Baer's statement issued Sept. 3, and touches on the coal strike situation.

The statement is as follows: "The statement of Mr. Baer, spokesman of the anthracite coal trust, Mr. Hewitt and other interested persons, discloses a well defined purpose to continue the strike in the coal fields, and to divert attention from the actual issue involved; however, misleading as are their utterances, it is not necessary to know that they now admit that the public has rights and interests which cannot be ignored with impunity; and inasmuch as the public must be the final arbiter of the coal strike it is imperative that it shall not be deceived by statements which are at variance with the facts. With the purpose of correcting some of the false impressions and misrepresentations contained in the statements of the gentlemen referred to I issue this letter.

It is not my intention to point out the innumerable instances in which Mr. Baer has erred in statement and allegation. His unsupported assertion that certain things are true cannot be accepted as final or conclusive, particularly in view of the fact that unquestioned authorities can be cited to prove him to be in error. Mr. Baer states that the wages paid in the anthracite region are, compared with the wages paid in like employment, fair and just. By like employment Mr. Baer must refer to bituminous coal mining, an unwilling and prepared to demonstrate that wages in the bituminous coal fields are from 20 to 40 per cent. higher than those paid for similar classes of work in the anthracite fields. The fact is that the minimum wage received by any class of adult mine workers in the soft coal mines is 25 cents per hour, while the minimum paid to boys is 12 1/2 cents per hour; in the anthracite coal mines men who are performing precisely the same labor receive from 13 to 20 cents per hour, while boys are paid as low as 5 cents per hour and rarely receive to exceed 8 cents per hour. The bituminous minor works a maximum of eight hours per day, which is two hours less than men in the anthracite field are required to work; moreover, the anthracite mine workers labors under the further disadvantage of being more liable to be killed or injured, the casualties being 50 per cent. greater in the anthracite than in the bituminous mines.

There are other statements of Mr. Baer which are equally incorrect; among these is his assertion that "the miners only

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and further assertion "that the lowest scale of wages was 85 cents for boy slate pickers." If Mr. Baer desires I shall gladly furnish him with the names and addresses of those of slate pickers, each of whom received much less than 85 cents per day, and I shall be willing to have the returns verified by the companies' own pay rolls.

The next misstatement of Mr. Baer to which I shall give notice is that which claims that "for some mysterious reason" the miners restricted the output of the mines. Mr. Baer claims "that in this manner the product of the collieries has been reduced about 12 1/2 per cent. and that in the case of the Reading company it amounted to more than 1,000,000 tons." This is vitally important, if true; but it is not true. The fact is that instead of a loss of 1,000,000 tons there was an increase in the year 1901 from the mines operated by the Reading company, of 838,243 tons; and a total increase from all the anthracite mines of 2,900,000 tons. (See report of Pennsylvania State Bureau of Mines.) The output of coal in 1901 was far in excess of any year in the history of coal mining, and even a paper so avowedly and bitterly hostile to the Mine Workers' union as the Engineering and Mining Journal admits that "virtually the only restriction on output was a shortage of cars." "This shortage," the Journal continues, "soon became marked," and "by the end of November the Reading collieries and those of some other companies were mining on short time." (Issue of January 4, 1902.) Although his statement does not admit of any such construction, it is still possible that Mr. Baer refers to the per capita output; but even here he errs. A careful calculation of per capita output from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Mines, shows that despite Mr. Baer's assertion that the miners worked only from four to six hours per day, the per capita output in 1901 was greater than the per capita output of any single one of the thirty-one years of which we have records, from 1870 to 1900. In attempting to account for the increased tonnage the operation of the mines was not restricted by saving machinery, which reduces the proportion of men and boys employed by the day. If we disregard all mine workers whose wages are saved by such appliances and take simply the output per certificated and employed miner, we find that the production per miner was 1,271 tons in 1870, 1,328 tons in 1880, 1,331 tons in 1890, 1,331 tons in 1900, while in the year 1901 it was 1,535 tons. I refer Mr. Baer to the annual reports of the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Mines, and ask if these figures do not refute the statement that organization in the coal mines is inimical to good workmanship.

Ideals of Mine Workers.

Since the very inception of this strike the aims, objects and ideals of the United Mine Workers of America have been fully disclosed by a small army of critics. We have been unjustly maligned and our motives and purposes maliciously imputed. We have been charged with the intention to repeat specifically that we do not seek to interfere with the management of the coal properties or with the rights and children dependent upon it, and we demand:

First—An increase in wages for men employed on piece work.

Second—Reduction in the hours of labor for men employed by the day.

Third—Payment for a legal ton of coal.

Fourth—"That the coal mine shall be operated in a safe and sound manner, and that the safety of the working force, and we demand:

Fifth—We favor incorporating in the form of an agreement the wages that have been earned by the men employed that shall obtain for a specified period.

As to the reasonableness of these demands, it is not necessary to submit to and abide by the award of an impartial board of arbitration.

There could be no grosser perversion of truth than to state that the United Mine Workers' union is a lawless organization. During the past twenty weeks the whole power of the union has been exerted to preserve the peace among a voluntarily free population, of three-quarters of a million; and it is a tribute to the activity of our officers and the loyalty and self-restraint of our members that we have been more successful in allaying violence than the coal and iron police in meeting it. Despite all our precautions we regret that occasional violence has resulted, but it would be as logical to charge any one of the religious, social or political organizations, or even the United States government with being an unlawful organization as with being an unlawful organization because some of its members violate the law. The officers of the union are as severe as the operators in their earnest condemnation of any and every act of violence upon the part of a striker; and no attempt has been made or will be made to condone any offense of this sort. The public has the right to know, however, that the operators and a certain section of the press are by no means discriminating in the fixing of responsibility, and that crimes of violence are laid at the doors of strikers when imported guardians of law and order, the armed coal and iron police, are clearly and unmistakably at fault; and I challenge the operators or their friends to point to one single utterance on their part of disapproval of the lawless actions of their hired guards.

Some time ago the Bellevue washery at Scranton was destroyed by lightning; a reward was offered by the coal companies for the arrest and conviction of the person who set fire to the washery. This is an example of the manner in which the strikers are maligned.

About Pumpmen. Mr. Baer assumes that the pumpmen, engineers and firemen were called out so that "the mines would be destroyed and with their destruction 16,000 men with their wives and children dependent upon their labors would be deprived of work for a long time." The truth is that the strike of the pumpmen, engineers and firemen was called in their own interest, absolutely, and by their own request; it was for the purpose of removing grievances against which they alone complained and against which some of them had inaugurated an independent, although unsuccessful, strike more than one year ago. The fact that several weeks elapsed between the strike of the miners and the independent strike of the pumpmen, engineers and firemen, and that twelve days' official notice that the pumpmen, engineers and firemen would strike unless granted an eight-hour workday, should convince Mr. Baer that the strike of these men did not originate in any desire on the part of the Mine Workers to deprive themselves of the source of their

PREPARED FOR THE VETERANS

Washington in Readiness for the Thirty-sixth Annual Grand Army Encampment.

FINE PROGRAMME OF MANY FEATURES

Among the Notable Incidents Will Be a Reception to Pensioners by the Commissioner of Pensions. Brotherhood Meeting of Blue and Gray to Arrange Aid for Indigent Confederates—Fireworks, Music and Other Accessories.

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TROOPS SHOOT AT STONE THROWERS

Bullets Make Reply to a Volley of Stones Hurlled at Thirteenth Regiment Sentries.

CAVALRY BOUND FOR OLYPHANT

Sheridan Troop, of Tyrone, Ordered to Come to the Aid of Colonel Watres—Eighth Regiment Moves Into Lackawanna County—Local Industries Need Fuel.

ELKIN WILL MAKE FIGHT OVER AGAIN

In First Speech of Campaign Says He Has No Apology or Excuse to Offer—Is Not Disheartened.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Johnstown, Sept. 28.—From the same platform here Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker and Attorney General John P. Elkin, the Republican candidates, respectively, for the Republican nomination for governor, spoke last night. It was the first time in the present campaign that Mr. Elkin has made a speech. Judge Pennypacker, his pledge to give his earnest support to the Republican state ticket evoked shouts of approval from his auditors. He said:

Under all the circumstances it has seemed to me proper that a statement of my views should be made, and I have freely made so that my friends may know my attitude in this contest. The question has been frequently asked me during the past three months whether it was my purpose to support the candidates on the Republican ticket this fall. My answer to that question has never been in doubt. I want to say to the people of this state, the people of the entire state that I have been, am now and always expect to be a Republican.

Why should my support not be given to the Republican candidates? Some people have thoughtlessly suggested that my support should be given to the Democrats because I was a candidate for office and was not successful in my aspirations. It is true that myself, in common with some others, desired to be elected governor, but I am not a candidate for office and was not successful in my aspirations. It is true that myself, in common with some others, desired to be elected governor, but I am not a candidate for office and was not successful in my aspirations.

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RIGHT MEN UNDER ARREST AT HOBOKEN

It is now almost as good as certain that the men arrested on a Lackawanna train at Hoboken, Saturday morning, are the Grassy Island Hungarians wanted for the brutal murder of James Winston, Thursday morning last.

FIRE AT FIGURES.

As they ran, they saw two dimly outlined figures crossing a clearing, fifty yards away, and they hastened to the scene. The searchlight operator came to their cry of "halt!" they began to blaze away with their Springfield rifles, until their ammunition was exhausted.

TWO SHOTS FIRED.

About 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning, two shots rang out from the hillside. The searchlight operator heard them and saw the flash of the second report. Sweeping the hillside with the light he soon discovered a man with a gun running for the woods. Soldiers from the outpost followed the light and soon came up with the fugitive. He stopped when the soldiers were almost upon him and nonchalantly wanted to know what they were looking for. The soldiers took him into custody, disarmed him and sent him to the guard house.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

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