

## CAUSE OF THE STRIKE.

President Mitchell Issues a Manifesto.

### MINERS' DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Resume of the Wrongs to Which They Are Said to Be Subjected. Situation at Hazleton—Most of the Men Will Probably Go Out.

Indianapolis, Sept. 14.—In order to place before the public the conditions existing in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania President John Mitchell and Secretary-Treasurer W. B. Wilson of the United Mine Workers of America have issued to the public a statement giving in detail the causes that have led up to the strike.

The statement is as follows: "The members of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, realizing that the material welfare of a large number of the American people will be injuriously affected by a prolonged suspension of work in the coalfields of Pennsylvania, knowing the irresistible power of a concentrated public opinion and having a profound respect for the opinions of their fellow men, have decided to make a general statement for the information of the public. No one can have a greater appreciation of the far-reaching effect of a strike of the anthracite coal miners. The coal miners and their families, the coal companies and coal carrying railways are but a small portion of the vast multitude whose interests are so directly and indirectly connected with the coal trade that a conflict of such magnitude will affect their welfare.

"The domestic fuel supply of the west, the great manufacturing industries of the east, the wholesale and retail business establishments, the great ocean, lake, canal and railroad transportation interests, laboring men and capitalists will all be affected by such a significant strike. That the world may know that we have done all that honorable men can do to avoid the conflict we herewith submit a few facts for careful consideration.

"The average wages of the anthracite miner for many years has been less than \$250 annually. During that period of time the cost of many of the necessities of life has been increased over 20 per cent. An increase in the cost of living without a corresponding increase of wages is equivalent to a reduction in wages.

"The laws of the state of Pennsylvania make 2,400 pounds of ton of anthracite coal, yet anthracite coal miners are compelled to mine from 2,700 to 4,000 pounds for a ton and in addition to that are docked exorbitant amounts, often reaching 12 per cent of their daily earnings, for any impurities which may be sent out with their coal. Where they are paid by the car instead of being required to furnish a well rounded heap on the ear at the breakers, as was originally agreed to, they are gradually being compelled to increase the amount of coal in each car by building the same perpendicularly from 6 to 18 inches above the edge. They are compelled to purchase the powder used in mining from their employers, paying \$2.75 per keg for a grade of powder that can be purchased elsewhere for \$1.50 per keg which wholesales for about \$1 per keg. They are required to buy their supplies from the companies to deal in 'pluck me' stores or leave their employment. They must pay to the company \$1 per month for a doctor, whether they need him or not, and have no voice in saying who the doctor shall be. The smallness of their earnings, together with the great cost of living, has compelled them to take their children from school before they have reached the age prescribed by law and place them at work in the breakers in order to keep the family from starvation.

"Having exhausted all other means of adjustment we have reached the point where we must either advise the miners of the anthracite region to continue working under these unjust and tyrannical conditions or counsel a strike. We have chosen the latter, and having done so we invite a thorough, impartial and public investigation of the conditions existing in the anthracite coalfields. We believe that the great American heart throbs in sympathy for the downtrodden and oppressed, whether in this or any other land.

"We know the great power of the public press in the present sentiment. With an abiding faith in the justice of our cause and a consciousness of the knowledge that whoever else may vilify and abuse us the Great Jehovah knows and understands the rectitude of our purpose we appeal to the American people and to the American press as the greatest arbiters on earth to assist us and sustain us in our hour of trial.

### SITUATION AT HAZLETON.

Probable That Most of the Miners Will Go Out.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 14.—There are four facts of vital importance in the anthracite coal strike situation.

First.—Although not a very large proportion of the miners are members of the Mine Workers' union, the strike will probably be general because the non-union men say they are not averse to going out in sympathy.

Second.—The union has already won a victory, Morgan & Co., individual operators near Hazleton, having announced that they would grant the demands of the union, and all other individual operators are expected to follow.

Third.—There is such a widespread dread of violence that it is not probable that there will be many disturbances or any rioting. The bloody lesson of Lattimer is not being forgotten.

Fourth.—I. P. Pardee, one of the largest operators in the field, announces that if his men go out he will abandon collieries that now employ nearly 3,000 men.

That is the situation. The men went into the mines yesterday in full force and will go down today, and then they will have Sunday to think it over. Monday morning will tell the tale.

**Shamokin Miners Will Quit.**  
Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 14.—There was a great stir among the miners and mine workers at the different collieries near this place because of President Mitchell's strike order. Those who were in favor of obeying the command enthusiastically applauded his action, while others kept silent beyond declaring that they would cease work rather than be called hard names. A careful canvass since last night indicates that despite the claim of the operators that enough men will report for work to keep the collieries in operation after next Monday, all or nearly all

of the operators between Traverton and Mount Carmel, employing over 14,000 men and boys in a district embracing 14 miles, with Shamokin as the center, will likely be idle before seven days have elapsed.

**One Mine Owner Yields.**  
Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 14.—William Morgan, owner of an independent colliery at Auderick which employs about 20 men, has agreed to yield to the demands of the mine workers, and the men will not go out on strike. On the Hazleton division of the Lehigh Valley railroad there are 72 coal crews of six men to the crew, making a total of 432, and the strike will throw nearly all of this number out of employment.

### LAWTON MONUMENT.

Colonel Bryan Chief Speaker at the Dedication.  
Fort Wayne, Sept. 14.—The people of this city dedicated to the memory of General Henry W. Lawton a monument crowned by a cannon captured by him and christened the principal city park in honor of the dead hero. The ceremony occurred under the auspices of the Union Veteran legion, and Colonel William J. Bryan was the principal orator of the occasion. His address was nonpartisan.

After the annual parade of the Union Veteran legion had taken place the ceremonies at the park were begun. The meeting was presided over by R. B. Hanna, Republican candidate for congress from this district. After prayer by the Rev. J. A. P. McGraw addresses were made by Major W. W. Barnett, who participated in the Spanish war; by Mayor Henry P. Scherer and by Governor Mount.

At the conclusion of the governor's address Mr. Bryan was introduced. He said:

"I was invited to participate in this reunion not as a candidate for office, but as a citizen of this republic, and I am here to speak to you not as a candidate for office, but as a citizen."

Mr. Bryan then referred to his own record as a soldier and said that his military service, brief as it was, had been sufficient to make him realize something of the risk that the soldier takes.

Mr. Bryan then paid a high tribute to the character of the volunteer soldier. He said that there were victories of peace as well as of war and that he longed for "the time to come when no hostile arm will be raised against a fellow man." In this connection he quoted Lincoln's Harrisburg speech while on his way to the inauguration before the beginning of the civil war.

Mr. Bryan declared that there could be no greater mistake than to assume that the people of any political party are unpatriotic and recalled the partisan rancor of the campaign of 1896. He also argued that the Spanish war had had the effect of destroying the prejudice which naturally grew out of the civil war.

### The Buffalo Butchers' Strike.

Buffalo, Sept. 14.—The strike of butchers, which originated in the packing house of the Jacob Doid Packing company, has spread to the establishments of Sahlum Bros., Michael Danahay, Christian Klimek, Klimek Bros. and the Buffalo Packing company. The aggregate number of men out is variously estimated at between 800 and 1,200. A large meeting of the strikers was held last night, and it was intimated at its conclusion that the engineers, coopers, carpenters and other employees of the packing houses might go out today as an act of sympathy for the butchers. The cause of the strike is said to be because the Doid company refused to discharge two men who failed to pay their dues to the union.

### Chinese Protect Missionaries.

Paris, Sept. 14.—The French consul at Shanghai telegraphs that at his request Earl Li Hung Chang wired the governor of the province of Shansi to take measures to protect the Belgian missionaries, who were in great trouble. The governor replied that measures had been taken and a detachment of cavalry dispatched for their defense. Earl Li, the consul says, informed him that he had given urgent orders for the protection of the missionaries at Cheng-ting-fu, southwest of Poo-ting-fu, and Hin-hin, in the province of Chi-li.

### Killed in a Runaway.

New York, Sept. 14.—In saving the life of her little nephew in a runaway Miss Mary Havey, a sister-in-law of Mayor Michael J. Dillon of Mount Vernon, N. Y., was instantly killed at Round Hill, six miles from Greenwich, Conn. A pony behind which the mayor's youngest son, Philip, 8 years old, was taking his aunt for a drive bolted down a steep hill into a stone fence. Miss Havey's neck was broken, while the boy, whom she had caught in her arms just before the crash came, escaped with severe cuts and bruises.

### Mr. Root Undergoes an Operation.

New York, Sept. 14.—Secretary of War Root is confined to his summer residence at Southampton, L. I., as the result of an operation for the removal of a carbuncle and will not be able to leave his room for ten days or two weeks. The operation was performed last Sunday.

### Overindulgence in Coffee.

Coffee is a powerful irritant of the cerebro spinal nervous system. Recent tests have shown that it increases mental and bodily waste rather than retards it, as has been claimed. Coffee poisoning is sometimes mistaken for the troubles engendered by the use of alcohol. In both cases the stomach and nervous system are the sufferers.

Caffeic and alcoholic gastritis are nearly identical as to their symptoms. The use of coffee by children has in several cases caused an arrest of development. Cases have been reported of delirium tremens brought on by the excessive use of coffee. It is related in a foreign medical journal that a man, in the absence of his wife, undertook to make his own coffee. Not knowing the correct proportions for use, he took about one-quarter of a pound of fresh roasted coffee for two cups. Two hours afterward he complained of vertigo, headache and, at first, trembling of the legs only, which soon became general, followed by several other distressing symptoms, some of which continued a day or two longer.

By a busy physician it is stated that at least two-thirds of his practice comes from the excessive use of coffee. The excessive use of tea and coffee, as well as the use of alcoholic liquors, often almost wholly obliterates the sense of taste.—Health Culture.

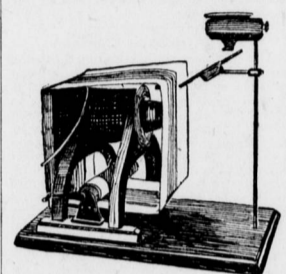
## Wealth From Sand

MACHINE TO EXTRACT GOLD AND IRON FROM SHIFTING SOIL.

Pure iron and gold can be extracted from sand. Immense tracts of heretofore worthless territory previously given over to sand heaps have hidden in their shifting soil, the sport of every passing breeze, hundreds of tons of gold and thousands on thousands of tons of iron. But while this has been known the cost of extracting the metal has precluded any use being made of this information.

Professor Elmer Gates has, however, just perfected an invention which makes it profitable to "mine" these sand heaps, and it is exploited in Pearson's Magazine.

The process by which iron and gold are taken from sand by Professor



NEW MINING MACHINE.

Gates is an extremely simple one. A child could do the work. If the reader will go outside his house and get a handful of sand, not the white stuff that forms the Atlantic coast, but the sand so common along certain beaches and inland rivers, called "magnetic sand," and look at the sand very closely in the direct sunlight, he will notice that it contains tiny black grains and finer yellow specks. It is no secret among people who know anything about minerals that the specks that shine so brightly are gold and that the black specks are iron oxide. Ask any geologist, and he will tell you that "magnetic sand" is what today is left of what were once great mountains of stone that had an abundance of iron and gold strewn throughout them. The rains of a million or two centuries have washed the lofty mountains of rocks down to level plains of sand, but with the splitting of the mountains into fragments the particles of iron, gold and rock of which the mountains were originally composed have continued to hold themselves together in the form of grains which we call sand. The mineralogist will also tell you that the iron in the sand is the best iron that can be found anywhere in the world.

This iron is separated from the sand by a magnet. Professor Gates has made a machine consisting of an electric magnet to the end of which is fastened a piece of steel shaped like the whiskers of Trilby's friend Taffy. Really there is nothing that this piece of steel resembles more strikingly, so that even among the humdrum engineers in Professor Gates' workshop it is referred to as "Taffy's whiskers." The face of these whiskers is not smooth. It is composed of a series of cells like a honeycomb. Over the face of these whiskers, under it, behind it and above it runs a belt of rubber cloth on four rollers so arranged that when a handle is turned the rubber belt moves and keeps moving continually down over the face of the "whiskers."

When a current of electricity is turned into the magnet, the attraction of "Taffy's whiskers" is so strong that if you hold a penknife in front of it the whiskers will snatch it out of your hand in a wink. Hold a handful of gold ore dust in the same place, and they will not be at all affected. Now, it is according to a natural law that those parts of the "whiskers" which correspond to the walls of the honeycomb, the walls of the cells, have many thousand times more magnetic attraction than have those parts of the "whiskers" which correspond to the vacant cells in the honeycomb. So when a handful of sand is thrown against the belt the iron sticks and the sand falls away. The attraction of the gold particles to the iron particles is so great that the gold goes with the iron particles, although the magnet does not attract the gold of its own accord.

The rush of the metal particles from the sand to the embrace of the "whiskers" is so rapid that particles of sand adhere to the iron. But the belt below the sand and "whiskers," which is all the time moving, releases and grips the iron continually, while the sand is thus shaken loose.

In another machine called a magnet entangler the iron and gold particles are mixed together when they leave the machine. They do not remain together very long, however. Professor Gates has only to pass them through a third sort of separator, which he calls a "diamagnetic separator" (the first one is called simply "magnetic separator"), and these gold and iron specks part company absolutely. Both metals are then ready for smelting.

**A Candle Device.**  
A disk is made of a special metal in the shape of a star to place on the top of a candle, the wick passing through a hole in the middle of the star. It prevents the candle from dripping and thus avoids the nuisance of having the house, carpets, clothes and other articles covered with candle grease.—Popular Science.

**Heat of Incandescent Lamps.**  
It is said that an ordinary 16 candle power lamp immersed in a quart of water will heat it to the boiling point in an hour.

## PERSONAL.

Peter O'Donnell, of Ridge street, has entered St. Charles' seminary at Overbrook, Montgomery county, where he will continue his studies for the priesthood.

Hon. James A. Sweeney, of Hazleton, Democratic candidate for the legislature, called upon Freeland friends yesterday.

Buy your ice cream at Keiper's.

Miss Pearl Mowery, of Upper Lehigh, has accepted a position in Philadelphia and left for that city yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Kunkle, of Lehighton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Keck.

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Charles J. Robins, of New York city, is spending his vacation in town.

Misses Bessie and Sarah McCarthy, of Ridge street, will attend the hop given by the Irving Club, of Mahanoy City, this evening.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

Miss Catherine Stumpf, of Hazleton, is visiting friends in town.

James S. McDonald, of New York city, is visiting his parents here.

You can spell it cough, cough, cough, cough, cough, cough, but the only harmless remedy that quickly cures it is One Minute Cough Cure. Grover's City drug store.

### Deadlock Closes School.

The school at Port Griffith is not yet opened, although the term should have commenced on Monday. This is owing to the fact that the school board of Jenkins township is in a deadlock over the election of a teacher.

A number of the parents of these pupils feel indignant at the apparent indifference of the board and they have invoked the aid of the court.

The emergency bags sent by a church society to Katip soldiers in the Philippines contained among the necessities a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the well known cure for piles, injuries and skin diseases. The ladies took care to obtain the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve knowing that all the counterfeits are worthless. Grover's City drug store.

### English Red Tape.

At the present time, when the system of red tape is being attacked and ridiculed, the following somewhat amusing methods of dealing with matters are still adopted in one of the great government departments.

For instance, a hairbrush and comb must be purchased under the head of service "clothing," whereas a toothbrush is under "fuel" and spectacles under "medicines." A clothesbasket is "clothing," but clothes pegs are "incidentals." The funniest of all, however, are guano and straw, they being purchased under "victualling."

A good instance of red tape is told in connection with the excise. An officer had entered in the inquiry column of his return: "March 13. Dog dead." This did not satisfy his superior, who told him to inquire again, which the obedient officer did, recording: "April 10. Dog still dead."—London Standard.

### Special Offer in Music.

We are in receipt of a copy of E. T. Paul's latest march, entitled "Dawn of the Century March." The publishers agree to furnish any of our readers with a complete copy of the piece for 25c in postage stamps or silver, provided this notice and this paper is mentioned, otherwise the regular price 50c will be charged. Address E. T. Paul Music Co., 44 W 20th st., New York.

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### One Fare to Philadelphia and Return.

Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad, across State League Republican Club's meeting, September 17 and 18. Tickets on sale September 15, 16 and 17 for all trains except the Black Diamond express, good for return to September 22 inclusive. For further information consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents.

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### To Richmond, Va., and Return.

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