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Failure to Start Collieries Will Bring the Order.

Unless the Operators Mine Coal This Week the Military Protection Asked for Will Not Be Continued.

This is the beginning of a week which it is generally believed will put to a test the claim of the operators that they will be enabled to start up their collieries if given protection, and the counter-claim of the United Mine Workers that the strikers will not return to work without concessions.

Resumption of operations announced for today has been deferred until a later date, the operators concluding that too many of their men would be disposed to hold off until after the expected conference at New York tomorrow. The plan now is to try and open up the collieries on Wednesday, as it is said that by that time all miners who build their hopes on the operators granting concessions will have been convinced that the coal barons are positive in their stand. Men in charge of the collieries claim that when once thoroughly convinced that the operators cannot be swayed in their determination those among the unionists who are wavering will return to work.

Everything is being done by the military authorities to enable the operators to prove that they can cut coal with proper protection. General Schall, commander of the First brigade, which includes the troops stationed in this region, promises ample protection to all in this section who are desirous of returning.

A failure to open the mines after Wednesday will put the operators in a position where they will have to give most excellent reasons or the officers of the National Guard will charge them with inability to end the strike on the basis which they have claimed. They will be compelled to face the argument that, after being given the full protection of the entire division, it has been demonstrated that the men will hold out until granted concessions, and that it is now up to the operators to admit that they are defeated.

Some high in military authority declare that Governor Stone will not allow himself to be played with, and that as soon as he finds that the operators cannot "make good" he will not permit the state to be put indefinitely to the enormous expense of keeping the soldiers in the field.

At the brigade headquarters at Tamaqua Captain Porter has completed a mammoth map of the entire coal regions, and the section covered by the First brigade has not only every hamlet and colliery properly placed, but, through a system of movable pegs, the movements of the troops down to individual companies are located to the very hour.

Upon investigation by the officers of the militia it has been ascertained that the use of firearms at night, which has recently given the troops much concern, and which has been attributed to the strikers, has been done in many cases by the coal and iron police.

Some of the foremost labor leaders of the country are traversing the regions instilling new hope into the ranks of the strikers. Another mission of the visiting labor leaders is to learn how the relief fund is being handled and to learn from personal observation if there is any distress among the strikers. After several days' investigation in the Schuylkill district those inquiring into the subjects arrived at the conclusion that the relief fund is being handled in a most businesslike and able manner and that there exists at present no more distress there than at times when the mines are being operated.

WORKING FOR A SETTLEMENT.
There is a strong hope in administration circles at Washington that the coming week will see plans perfected for the settlement of the strike. Negotiations are now in progress to that end. It is believed that President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will be a controlling power in bringing about this settlement. Heretofore he has been kept in the background, but there is reason to believe that strong appeals have been made to him to use his great influence to bring the operators into a compliant mood.
Secretary Root did not call upon the president until last evening, when he had a brief conference. It is believed that the report of his interview with J.

Pierpont Morgan, which he sent from New York Saturday evening, contained about all there was to communicate and his talk with the president was merely supplementary to that. The secretary refuses to discuss his conference with Mr. Morgan.

Senator Quay yesterday visited Washington, during which he talked with President Roosevelt for about an hour. The Philadelphia Press today says: "From a source that cannot be doubted it was learned yesterday that attempts of outsiders to end the strike are to be met quite as stubbornly as heretofore. The operators will hold their usual meeting in New York tomorrow and it is expected that plans will be formed to force more collieries into operation, as it is known that promises of an increased supply of hard coal have been made to certain dealers."

MARKLE GIVES HIS VIEWS AGAIN.
John Markle, leader of the independent anthracite operators, made the emphatic statement in New York city last night that in spite of all the efforts put forth recently in behalf of peace the strike situation remains unchanged.

"More coal is being mined each day," he said, "and the best thing the public can do if it would be relieved of the burden of high priced coal is to stand aside and let the operators and the miners adjust their own misunderstanding. It seems by this time the public should recognize that its meddling and the interference of its representatives only prolongs the trouble. The strike would have been over long ago and the price of coal would be where it was a year ago if there had been no meddling by outsiders. The situation has been continually complicated."

"Will not the visit which Mr. Root made to Mr. Morgan and the subsequent conference Mr. Morgan had with coal men bring about a change in the situation?" was asked.

"I tell you that there has been absolutely no change in the situation, except that conditions are improving in the coal region."

"Is the strike not nearer a settlement now than it was on Friday?"
"There will never be a settlement as the public understands the word. That word must be eliminated. The strike will be over when the miners go to work. The position of the operators has been unequivocally set forth from the beginning and there is no reason why it should be changed. It will not be changed. No outside influence can change it."

MITCHELL SAYS MEN ARE FIRM.
President Mitchell last night laughed at the statements made by the operators that they will be able to start several more mines before the week ends and are confident of getting many men.
"What else can they say," he declared; "they must make a pretense of making gains. But, as a matter of fact, they are not, and the men are firmer and stronger today than they have been since the strike began."

Louis N. Hammerling, who has been an agent in the arrangements for bringing about a peace conference, called on President Mitchell yesterday and had a long conference with him. After that he left Wilkesbarre and did not say where he was going. Mr. Mitchell refused to discuss this conference.

When the national president was told of reports that miners who wanted to return to work had been coerced at the meetings of the locals last week into casting ballots for a continuation of the strike, he said:
"It is untrue. The men voted as they desired; there was no coercion and no attempt to influence them. We even invited non-union men to the meetings to get their views, and they were free to vote as they choose."

When asked today about a paragraph in the appeal issued on Saturday in behalf of the miners by the American Federation of Labor, to the effect that he had offered to leave the whole matter in the hands of J. P. Morgan, President Mitchell said the statement was an error.

Helping the Striking Miners.
W. G. Gwyn and Dr. J. P. Kennedy, of Columbia, Pa., both of whom worked in coal mines, the former for a period of twenty-one years, are busily engaged in soliciting contributions for the striking hard coal miners.—Philadelphia North American.

Dr. Kennedy's home is in Drifton and that he has interested himself in behalf of his former co-laborers is no surprise to his many friends in this section.

W. B. Estell, who was one of the brainy leaders in the miners' strike of 1887-88, is also working with his usual enthusiasm among his friends in New Jersey and New York and has secured several splendid contributions for the miners.

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Little has been heard lately of the relief fund which has been established by the union, other than the reports of some of the amounts which have been contributed to it by labor organizations and citizens throughout the country. Predictions were freely made when the fund was established that it would be an endless source of annoyance to the union and would cause jealousy and disappointment among those for whom it was intended to benefit.

For a few weeks after it was put in operation the relief system was criticized, mostly by persons who knew nothing about its workings, but this carping suddenly ceased, and for the past few months not an adverse criticism has been heard.

To those who have been permitted to examine the relief system, the perfect methods by which tremendous sums of money are handled each week and satisfactorily divided between the three districts, and by them distributed to their locals and by the locals to the individuals on strike or made idle by the strike, the workings are a revelation and rebound with credit to the general officers of the union who planned the methods and simplified a most complicated problem.

The insinuations of those who are opposed to the miners in their struggle, that the relief money would soon come to an end, have also been proven false and groundless, for it can be stated that the miners' union has more money at its command today than at any time during the twenty-two weeks since the strike began. Not only is there more money in the relief fund than at any time since it was established, but there are more people interested now in maintaining it at the present high level than ever before and there is scarcely a town or hamlet in the whole United States that is not preparing to contribute its mite towards the fund.

If for any reason the mine workers should be defeated in their efforts to secure additional compensation for their dangerous labor, the relief fund will not be responsible for the non-success of the strike. The strikers are now receiving more per week than ever before, and the arrangements made by the union are to steadily increase the allowance according as the weather causes increased demands. So far the relief money has been almost confined to buying food and provisions, but it is reported that in the near future the mine workers will receive special allotments to be used in purchasing winter clothing and shoes.

To appease the steadily-increasing wants of over half a million people, and to do it in a manner which does not discriminate and satisfies the beneficiaries, as has been and is still being done in the anthracite region, can only be accomplished by a system of distribution which must be marvelously perfect—and this is what the miners' relief fund must be conceded.

Candidates Visit Town.

P. J. Flinn and Jacob Schappert, candidates for commissioners; James W. Holman, candidate for register of wills, and John J. Moore, candidate for treasurer, accompanied by Attorneys M. F. McAniff and Frank McQuigan and Daniel L. Hart, of Wilkesbarre, spent Saturday in town and called upon as many people as the time spent here would permit. The candidates and their friends were in charge of John J. McNelis, of the county committee, and other local Democrats, and were warmly welcomed by the voters of town. The candidates departed feeling fully satisfied that Freeland will do its share next month towards electing them to the offices to which they aspire.

In the afternoon a meeting was held at the Grand opera house. John J. McBrearty, Esq., was chairman, and stirring addresses were made by Messrs. Hart, McQuigan and McAniff. Owing to the fact that a heavy rain-storm prevailed during the afternoon the attendance was not as large as it would have been had the weather been more favorable.

Confirmation Services.

Bishop M. J. Hoban, of Scranton, confirmed three large classes yesterday at St. Ann's, St. John's and Eckley Catholic churches. At the former the services began at the conclusion of the 9.30 mass and 540 children and adults composed the class. Eckley was visited at 2 p. m. and over 100 persons were confirmed there. At St. John's Slavonian church the class numbered over 300.

Bishop Hoban was assisted by Fathers Fallhee, Fleming, O'Hara, Pajdusak, McMenamin and Hussie.

Watch the date on your paper.

LOCAL NOTES

WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

Nathan Cortright, aged 86 years, died at Manch Chunk on Saturday. In early life he was connected with the construction and operation of railroads in the Lehigh region. For the past five years he had been in the coal business. Mr. Cortright was an uncle of Mrs. Chas. Orion Stroh, of town, who, with her husband, attended the funeral today.

Many of the soldiers stationed at Upper Lehigh and Jeddoo spent yesterday and last evening in town and are rapidly becoming acquainted with the people here. The troops on duty at Highland complain of the stringent restrictions placed upon them. They are not permitted to cross the boundaries outside their barracks.

Three men were captured early Friday evening while on their way home with coal taken from an abandoned stripping at Upper Lehigh. The capture was made by coal and iron police. The teams were taken to Upper Lehigh, but were released next morning.

Manus McFadden and Richard Collins were given a hearing this afternoon before Burgess Boyle, charged by Officer Mollik with disorderly conduct yesterday. Both were unable to pay the fines imposed and were given five days each in the lockup.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Hugh Gallagher, of Scranton, formerly of Drifton, to Miss Annie Gatens, of Weatherly. The marriage will be solemnized on November 4.

F. H. Albert has disposed of an interest in his furniture and carpet business to his son, Edgar, and the establishment will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of F. H. Albert & Son.

A defective flue in the home of Mrs. John Breslin, in the Third ward, caused a blaze yesterday morning. Neighbors extinguished the flames before much damage was done.

At Jeddoo yesterday the Good Wills and Jeddoo foot ball teams played an interesting game. When time was called the score was a tie, 5 to 5.

John Grega, who has been employed at Bridgeport, Conn., spent yesterday at his home on South Ridge street and returned to Bridgeport today.

Miss Mame Crawford has resigned her position in the Press office and will enter a Philadelphia hospital to become a trained nurse.

The engagement of Alfred Horn, of Hazleton, and Miss Lillian Marsch, of Highland, is announced.

Miss Annie O'Donnell, of Bridgeport, Montgomery county, is visiting Freeland relatives.

Mrs. Julius Dusheck is seriously ill at her home on Washington street.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merkt's.

General orders announcing the death of Colonel Theodore F. Hoffman, of the Eighth regiment, at Scranton Saturday night were issued from National Guard headquarters. Colonel Hoffman was a member of the guard for twenty-six years. He will be buried tomorrow at Pottsville.

The Pittston Eagle Hose Company's drill squad won the competitive drill at the State Firemen's convention at Bradford last week, against seven crack competitors. The first prize was \$300. A Chambersburg team won second prize, \$150; and a Renovo team third prize, \$75.

The anniversary of Father Mathew was observed at Scranton on Friday by a parade of all the Catholic total abstinence societies of the city. About 3,000 members were in line. This was in lieu of the general parade for the Scranton diocese, which was abandoned because the railroads would not give favorable rates between Hazleton and Forest City.

Eclipse of the Moon.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon on Thursday and Friday of this week, which will be visible over North America. The eclipse will occur at a rather late hour, but will be well worth witnessing if the sky is clear. The figures are as follows:

Moon enters shadow on October 16, 11.17 p. m. Total eclipse begins on October 17, 12.18 a. m.; middle of eclipse 1.03 a. m.; total eclipse ends at 2.50 a. m.

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ROUND THE REGION.

G. W. Tonery, an inmate of Hillside insane asylum, Scranton, who last week confessed to being the principal in thirteen highway robberies twenty years ago, for one of which Thomas Hanley and Luke Kelly served terms of imprisonment, has confessed that in 1890 he murdered James McKistly, near Pittston. Tonery went into minute details of the crime, and friends of the murdered man are convinced of the truth of the confession. Owing to his insanity he will not be prosecuted.

Warrants were issued at Inkerman charging George Laurens, of Pittston Junction; and John J. Dougherty, of Port Griffith, with fraudulently and illegally issuing miners' certificates without the consent of a full board of examiners. Laurens waived a hearing and gave \$300 bail for court. Dougherty was discharged.

John H. Pascoe, Republican candidate for state senator from Lehigh county, died after two days' illness. He was a contractor for operations of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and recently, in connection with Hugh E. Crilly, built trolley lines in and about Allentown, including the road between Philadelphia and Allentown.

Change in Price of Milk.
On and after Wednesday, October 15, 1902, the price of milk sold in Freeland and vicinity will be at the rate of 8 cents per quart, said price to continue during the winter months. This slight advance is made necessary by the increased cost of feed, etc., during this season of the year.
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