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LOCAL MINES NOT WORKING

Individual Operators Are Violating Agreement.

Terms of Settlement Proposition Ignored at Markle's, Coxes's and Pardee's Collieries--Strike Continues.

The coal strike is still on, so far as the great majority of the mine workers of this section are concerned. The union men at the collieries of G. E. Markle & Co., Coxes Bros. & Co. and Pardee & Co. have not returned to work. This action is due to a gross violation by the officials of these firms of the terms of the settlement proposition presented by the coal-carrying companies to President Roosevelt on October 14 and accepted by the United Mine Workers of America on October 21.

The concluding paragraph of the operators' proposition to end the strike contains the following:

"It being the understanding that immediately upon the constitution of such (arbitration) commission, in order that idleness and non-production may cease instantly, THE MINERS WILL RETURN TO WORK and cease all interference with and persecution of non-union men who are working or shall hereafter work."

This portion of the proposition was unreservedly accepted by the miners and the operators were so notified through President Roosevelt, but yesterday, when the miners appeared at the collieries of the firms named, to carry out their part of the contract, they were met with notices, printed in some places and verbally given in others, that they can not return to work until they make individual application for a position and sign special agreements in which they solemnly promise not to interfere with non-union workers and agree individually to abide by the findings of the arbitration commission.

This open refusal of the local individual operators to live up to the plan of settlement offered by the large corporations came as a surprise to their employees, and to cause further dissension their violation of the terms of the proposition has been followed by Coxes Bros. & Co. with wholesale discharges of a number of men whose nationality is detested by the clique which has charge of the interests of the Drifton company.

It being understood that unwarranted discharges of employees is to be a subject for consideration at the hands of President Roosevelt's commission, the miners are disposed to overlook for the present the rank discrimination practised by Coxes Bros. & Co., but they do not feel that they should waive any of the rights accorded them by the settlement plan, especially those portions which the operators themselves framed and presented. The mine workers have unanimously agreed to return to work on conditions offered them by the mining companies through President Roosevelt, and the action of the local operators in refusing to permit them to return to work on the terms of the settlement plan proves dishonesty on the operators' part to which the miners will not submit.

At Upper Lehigh the resumption was general, the officials in charge there again proving themselves ready to meet their employes half-way in settling the trouble. While some could not be given work just now, on account of some of the mines not being in condition, the officials expect to provide employment in the near future for all the former workers, excepting a few against whom charges have been lodged.

At Sandy Run no one appeared for work yesterday, as Kemmerer & Co. had announced that operations will not be resumed until the winter is over.

At Jeddo, Highland and Oakdale the

miners responded in large numbers, but refused to conform to the arbitrary rules established by Markle & Co. and returned to their homes.

Similar action was taken by Coxes Bros. & Co.'s employes at Drifton and Eckley. At Drifton a large number of breaker employes, including many old men and boys, were discharged. Others who were notified that their services are no longer required are John J. McNellis, assistant mine foreman; Manus and William Carlin, assistant breaker foremen; Patrick Collins, John J. Baskin, William Ferry, Thomas Gallagher, Jerry McCarthy, Sarsfield McCarthy, James B. Ferry, James Brown, Edward McCole, Patrick McDevitt, James Breslin and John H. O'Donnell, steam employes, and John Collins, coal-office employe.

Yesterday afternoon Markle and Coxes's employes met at the Grand opera house to take action on the attitude assumed by these operators. District President Duffy and National Board Member P. G. Gallagher addressed the men. The decision arrived at was to send committees of each company's employes to Drifton and Jeddo to procure from the officials definite statements of what the men are expected to sign before resuming work.

The committees performed their duty and reported to the strikers at 8 o'clock, at which hour the meeting reassembled. In the meantime the union officers had made known to National President Mitchell the condition of affairs here and received instructions how to proceed. The evening meeting decided unanimously to remain out until the local companies permit their employes to resume on the same conditions upon which the employes of the coal-carrying companies are returning to work.

The committees were instructed to return to Drifton and Jeddo and notify Markle & Co. and Coxes Bros. & Co. of the action of the meeting and to report the result of today's conferences to the district board at Hazleton as soon thereafter as possible.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the district board received the report of the committees. An executive session was immediately held, but nothing was given out for publication up to 3.30 o'clock.

Unofficial reports say that the operators' replies were unsatisfactory and that the union will order out all their members working for Markle & Co., Coxes Bros. & Co. and Pardee & Co.

Strike Arbiters Meet.

The commissioners appointed to adjudicate differences between the anthracite coal operators and miners met at Washington at 10 o'clock this morning.

The commission chose Judge Gray as chairman and elected Dr. H. M. Neale, of Upper Lehigh, Pa., and Edward A. Mosley, of Massachusetts, secretary of the Civil Service Commission, as assistant recorders.

The first formal session will be held at Washington on Monday. John Mitchell, president of the miners' union, and the representatives of the coal operators have been notified to attend. The union mine workers will be recognized through their representatives, but the union officials will not be the only labor representatives interrogated. It is the purpose to conduct the widest investigation and to that end testimony will be sought in every quarter.

The non-union men who have remained at the mines will be asked for their views, and representative business men in their territory will have opportunity to give a third party's ideas.

President Roosevelt insists that the fairest and most impartial investigation shall be conducted and the personnel of the commission is regarded as a guarantee that his directions will be observed.

Parade of Mine Workers.

The parade in honor of the ending of the strike, held Wednesday evening by the United Mine Workers of Freeland and vicinity, was a large demonstration, both in numbers and enthusiasm. Flags, fireworks, colored lights and rousing cheers greeted the marchers along every foot of the route of parade. In the ranks were upwards of a dozen soldiers from the surrounding camps, most of whom served as color-bearers for the miners and were generously applauded. A number of banners containing inscriptions were carried.

The parade was dismissed at Krell's hall, where appropriate addresses were delivered by National Board Member P. G. Gallagher, Vice District President Matti, D. J. McCarthy, Esq., and John F. Shovlin. Burgess Boyle was chairman of the meeting.

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ROUND THE REGION.

The first life lost since resumption of work in the mines was in the William A. colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Duryea. William Doran, a striker, who returned to work yesterday morning with several other men, was cleaning up when a fall of the roof occurred. He was crushed to death and a foreigner was injured. The mine inspectors, the leaders and President Mitchell all have warned the strikers to be careful as the mines are in a dangerous condition.

Judge Halsey has granted an alternative writ of mandamus compelling the burgess and councilmen of Kingston to pass an ordinance annexing to the borough of Kingston the settlements of Pringle Hill and Cooper Hill. This is the first time this question has been raised since the act was passed in 1899. It compels the councilmen in boroughs to annex adjacent lands when petitioned by a majority of freehold owners.

With the announcement that Governor Stone will appoint commissioners to take the votes of the National Guardsmen in the field, the Republican county chairmen have been notified to furnish the soldiers with complete lists for their local candidates, as, in the absence of printed ballots, they must write the name of each candidate for whom they desire to vote on a ballot sheet.

Charles H. Waldron and Mabel Hazleton, managing a burlesque company, have entered suit against Columbia borough to recover \$1,500 damages. The borough owns the opera house and several weeks ago when the company was billed to appear there the borough ministerial association protested against the performance and council refused to rent the hall to the company.

Rev. W. H. Stone has been appointed chaplain of the Ninth regiment by Colonel C. W. Dougherty. Rev. Stone is rector of St. Clement's Episcopal church, Wilkesbarre, and fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. D. Johnson.

Mike Crook, of Maltby, charges that Michael Marko, his landlord, tried to eject him by removing the windows of the house and freezing out the family. Crook sued to recover \$300 damages for catching cold. Marko was held for court.

Mr. and Mrs. Seligman Burgunder, of Wilkesbarre, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last night. Mr. Burgunder is 78 years of age and his wife one year his senior. They have lived in Wilkesbarre for nearly sixty years.

Antonio Schlaba, of Hazleton, pleaded guilty before Judge Archbald at Scranton to the charge of selling cigars without having revenue stamps. The court sentenced him to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs of prosecution.

Judge Savidge has handed down an opinion refusing a new trial to Jacob Gerhardt, who murdered his wife in Shamokin last year. It is likely his attorneys will take the case to the Board of Pardons.

Albert Danielson, of Braddock, state organizer and one of the principal speakers of the Socialist-Labor party in Pennsylvania, was arrested in Scranton yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Fire at Dickson City destroyed Goodman & Weiss' general store, Carolyn's hotel and several smaller buildings, causing a loss of nearly \$30,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

President Mitchell will be the recipient on Sunday afternoon of a medal valued at \$250 from Slavonian citizens of Wilkesbarre.

Y. M. C. A.

This evening the Chautauqua normal class meets at 8 o'clock. The lessons are very interesting. All are welcome.

Sunday afternoon at 3.15 o'clock Rev. F. Marshal will address the meeting on the subject "Autumn Leaf." Ladies as well as gentlemen are invited to be present.

Arrangements are being made to hold a social in the near future.

An orchestra is being formed in the association.

The week of prayer, November 9 to 15, will be observed. During the week the meetings will be addressed by Hon. E. A. Coray, Secretary Thorburn, Messrs. Koch and Fahringer (railway men of Nescopeck), Thos. Lewis, St. Clair, and J. D. Bryden, Hazleton. The special program will be announced later. These meetings will be especially interesting and it is hoped that everybody will plan to attend.

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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.

The consent of a majority of the directors having been given, Treasurer Timony, of the borough school board, is paying the Freeland teachers a half-month's salary and the institute allowance of \$10 each. This custom has been in vogue here for some years and is appreciated by the teachers, who thereby will be financially prepared to attend the county institute at Wilkesbarre next week.

The announcement given out by George Kugler, superintendent for M. S. Kemmerer & Co. at Sandy Run, that the water in the mines will not be pumped out before next spring, has caused much uneasiness among the people of the town and many are making preparations to seek employment elsewhere. Very few families will remain in Sandy Run during the winter.

A defective flue in the dwelling occupied by M. Potochney on South Centre street caused a fire late Wednesday afternoon. Fortunately prompt assistance was rendered and the blaze extinguished with slight loss. Upon the arrival of the hose carts the chimney was given a thorough drenching.

A fire was discovered in Derringer mine of Coxes Bros. & Co. on Wednesday. The company's officials claim it has been extinguished, but refuse to tell whether or not the blaze did much damage.

The late Mrs. Mary Farley, of Milnesville, bequeathed her estate to her daughter, Miss Mary Herron. The will also provides for an annuity for her until she is twenty-one years of age.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elizabeth K. Michaux Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Turner, of Philadelphia, to Edmund J. D. Coxes, son of Mrs. Brinton Coxes, of Drifton.

The Tigers Athletic Club greeted the end of the strike and the return home of several members with a celebration at the club-rooms on Walnut street Wednesday evening.

Henry Hoffman, a prominent business man of DuBois, Pa., who was visiting his brother-in-law, Isaac Ashman, on North Washington street, returned home today.

A dog owned by Bernard Morris, North Centre street, acted in a strange manner this morning. It was feared he was mad and the animal was shot by Patrick Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. McGroarty returned last evening from their wedding trip, which was spent at Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other points of interest.

The quarterly meeting of delegates representing the Catholic temperance societies of the Lehigh region will be held at Hazleton on Sunday afternoon.

The depredations committed by chicken thieves continue to grow and scarcely a night passes by without one or more henneries having been looted.

Many of the local strikers who held good positions in the large cities regret having returned home until the labor troubles here are settled.

Several Freeland people are at Allentown today attending the funeral of the late Roger Brown, who died in that city Tuesday evening.

The directors of the Mining and Mechanical Institute expect to open their new building on South Centre street on November 15.

Mrs. Condy Heaney, of North Ridge street, is suffering from an injured eye which was cut while she was engaged in cracking coal.

School Directors Thomas Slattery and Dominic Kelly have returned from Philadelphia, where they were employed during the strike.

Miss Hannah McLaughlin, a teacher in the Daniel Coxes school building, is seriously ill at her home on Adams street.

The Republican leaders of the Fourth district are preparing for a rally to be held in Hazleton on Saturday, November 1.

A rally is being held by the Socialist party at the Grand opera house this afternoon.

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