

SAYS THE STRIKE WILL LAST A WEEK

Views of Operators on the Great Contest in the East.

MEN WILL GROW TIRED SOON

Operators Can Hold Out Six Months—They Say the Men Have No Real Grievances.

New York, Sept. 18.—John B. Garrett, vice president of the Lehigh Coal company, in an interview, made the following statement in review of the anthracite coal fields:

"This company conducts no stores, nor does it exert any influence upon employees to prefer one merchant above another.

"It employs no doctors and makes no charges against its employees for medical service to them or their families. Inquiry has satisfied me that the above is also the case with the company generally. Semi-monthly pay is observed by us in few cases, being in fact a concession to the men in which the men have demanded it. It would be observed anywhere where the demand was as called for by law.

"The use of the word 'ton' as applied to 2,240 pounds is a misnomer, it is simply a unit of measure which might be called a car or a cartload, or by any other name, and is the quantity of actual coal, plus bone, slate and other impurities, received under the agreed scale of wages.

"The price charged for powder is an apparent but not a real grievance. In our regions \$3.75 per keg is charged, in others \$3.50 per keg. This of itself should be sufficient evidence that the competition of the mine is not in the least a factor in the price of powder, as a net return for a day's labor must be essentially the same in neighboring fields, whether one or the other price is charged for the powder.

"Another evidence that the price of powder does not create an injury to the mine is shown by the fact that when the subject was agitated some time ago, one of the largest companies offered to reduce the price of powder to its then current value, provided the mine would consent to such revision of their wages as would continue the same compensation for their labor as they had previously received under the agreement which was then operative.

"This was promptly rejected, showing that their purpose was to effect an increase of wages and that if this could not be obtained they preferred to maintain the apparent grievance, which could be and has been from that time to this used as a ground of complaint or unfair treatment.

"Eliminating the foregoing alleged grievances from the list formulated by the Mine Workers, nothing whatever remains but a general demand for increased pay and recognition of the order as the agency through which differences of value should be adjusted.

"William S. Thorne, a director of the Pennsylvania Coal company, made this statement after a talk with the company's superintendent over the same lines:

"We operate thirteen collieries and all but two are closed. The strike appears to be a general one throughout the anthracite fields. Many men have returned to our mines but hardly enough to justify working the two collieries, so that it is probable that they will be closed.

"The men will doubtless last a week and then the men will begin to get desperate and will want to return to work. The miners, as a rule, have no real grievance, but they are not satisfied with the situation. Should the strike continue for a long time, their earnings will, of course, be affected.

"The operators can hold out for at least six months. It is our custom to carry on our books orders for six months in advance. We have a fair supply on hand. Retailers, especially in the country, hold good sized stocks. I think the situation justifies an advance in price.

"We anticipate no trouble at our mines. Extra watchmen have been hired, but this is the only precaution which we have taken. I do not think that any paper labor will be imported unless the strike should be prolonged."

112,000 MEN OUT.

Strikers Are Confident of Winning the Contest.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17.—The great strike of the miners in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, which represents practically the hard coal output of the world, began today. According to President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, who is personally directing the strike from his headquarters at Hazleton, the success of the first day's efforts to tie up the mines exceeded the expectations of the strike leaders.

The hard-coal region is divided into four great districts, the Lackawanna, Wyoming, Lehigh and Schuylkill regions.

In the first two, representing nearly half more the tie-up is practically complete. Only one mine, employing a few hundred men, is being operated and the strikers say that they hope to close it in a few days.

In the Lehigh region the situation is a stand-off, about 8,000 of the 16,000 employees having quit.

Principally because the union has comparatively little strength in the Schuylkill and workmen there have no real grievance, as in other districts, the strike was not general among the upward of 30,000 men employed. Indications tonight, however, point to the shutting tomorrow of some mines in the Lehigh district that operated today, despite the assertions of the officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal company and other companies operating in the region that they will continue their activities. Nearly all the efforts of the strike leaders are being devoted to securing the men in the weak Schuylkill and Lehigh regions and tonight their organizers and operators are redoubting their efforts.

No events worth mentioning have marked the first day of the struggle. Practically no progress has yet been made in the efforts of some of the clergy to bring about a settlement of the trouble through arbitration.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 17.—The great strike between the anthracite coal operators and their employees was begun today. Each side is confident of winning and neither of the warring forces shows any disposition to yield.

Information received up to tonight shows that 112,000 mine workers are on strike in the anthracite region.

Alaska Telegraph Line.

Washington, Sept. 18.—A dispatch has been received from Gen. Greely, chief



JOHN MITCHELL, PRESIDENT UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA.

John Mitchell will be the directing spirit of the strike of the miners in the anthracite coal regions. He says the strike is the greatest ever ordered, and that a million wage earners will be affected by it.

signal officer, dated at St. Michaels, Alaska, Aug. 29. Gen. Greely had nearly completed his trip over the coast when the Alaskan telegraph line is to be constructed. This dispatch requested the direct sending of material to Alaska for installing the line.

Tablet of the Lehigh.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Secretary Long will be at Portsmouth, N. H., today at the presentation of the historic tablet commemorating the battle of the Lehigh, which was fought in the Portsmouth yard, to the new battleship Kearsarge, immediately thereafter it is expected that Secretary Long will return to Washington to resume his duties here. In the meantime Admiral Crowsin, chief of the bureau of navigation, is acting secretary of the navy.

Fishing Schooner Wrecked.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 18.—The first of a series of disasters to the fishing fleet on the Grand Banks during the recent storm has just been reported. The Gloucester schooner, Tallman, brought to Bay Bulls, 20 miles south of St. Johns, the crew of the Provincetown schooner, Willis A. Mackay, which foundered last Friday, having been literally beaten to pieces by the waves.

While endeavoring to ride out the gale, the schooner sprang a leak and became waterlogged. The cable parted and she drifted 75 miles. Water choked the cabin and forecabin and the entire crew were confined on deck, pumping the whole time to keep her afloat. It was impossible to leave the vessel, as only two dories remained and the crew were about abandoning hope of rescue when the Tallman was sighted. It was only with the greatest difficulty that the 24 men were taken off. George Naugher, unmarried, a native of Somerville, got away in a dory. His fact is not known.

Dr. Moore the Discoverer.

New York, Sept. 18.—A dispatch from London, which was published in the States August 29, announcing that the cause of Bright's disease had been discovered by Dr. E. V. Moore, formerly of New York and now of Rome, Dr. William Ovid Moore, late of New York City and now of Rome, says that a correction be made. He says:

"At the last international medical congress a paper was read by Dr. William Ovid Moore, giving an account of his discovery of the mysterious poison which causes the symptoms in Bright's disease and in many other ailments. This poison is a heavy, golden yellow liquid, which in appearance resembles the oil of the olive. It is a deadly poison, which has been found in the human body after succumbing to convulsions within a few hours."

FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

Life Expires as a Result of Threats by Her Husband.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Florence Bucher died here last evening because her husband, Ernest D. Bucher, frightened her. He threatened to kill her. She was so terrified that she fell unconscious in the street, where they were walking at the time.

Afterwards Bucher was locked up in the police station, where he became despondent and committed suicide by puncturing the artery in his wrist with a pin. The police found him lying on the floor exhausted from the loss of blood and took him to the county jail hospital. He again attempted his life in the same manner and died.

Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Bucher quarreled. She filed a bill for a divorce, but repented when the suit and they continued to live together. Two weeks ago, when they again quarreled, Bucher threatened to kill her. Mrs. Bucher escaped from the house and started down town to see her lawyer. She was again attacked on the street by her husband, who brandished a revolver and made threats to take her life.

Mrs. Bucher then fell unconscious. She was taken to the county hospital, where she remained until her death. For a time it seemed as if she might recover, although it was evident that the fright had been a severe shock. A few days ago she was told of her husband's suicide and from that time her condition became worse.

Government Relief for Indians.

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 18.—The department of the interior is taking steps to prevent further suffering among the Pima Indians on the Tucson reservation, caused by a scarcity of irrigating water. Col. E. H. Graves of that department, who came here to make an examination of the conditions on the reservation and report any method of relief that is practicable, has investigated thoroughly, and has planned a system by which the underflow in the Gila river may be raised to the surface in summer and a supply of water delivered sufficient to irrigate many hundreds of acres now uncultivated.

SIX BODIES ARE BURNT TO A CRISP

Five Are of Babies Left in a Day Nursery While Parents Worked.

FIRE FROM DEFECTIVE FLUE

Two More of the Six Injured Are Expected to Die—Property Loss Light.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 17.—Six lives were lost, two persons were fatally injured and several others were seriously wounded in a fire at 406 East Front street this evening. The fire was in an old four-story tenement building that the Salvation Army was using as a day nursery for little children and five of the victims killed were little children that had been left there to be cared for while their parents were out earning a livelihood. Another victim was a man who perished in an attempt to save the life of his little four-year-old boy.

DEAD.

James Harkins, painter, aged 40 years.

Herbert Harkins, aged 4, son of Rhoda Harkins, aged 3 months.

Harold Williams, aged 4 months.

Edward Mullen, aged 4 years.

Myrtle Farrell, aged 6 years.

FATALLY INJURED.

Post Capt. Elizabeth Erickson of New York, a native of Sweden, aged 25.

Staff Capt. Bertha Anderson of Chicago, also a native of Sweden.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

The following are seriously injured and are in great agony, but expected to recover:

Beatie Atkins, aged 5.

Frank Hill, aged 3 months.

Albert Hill, aged 2 years.

Joseph Benton, aged 4 years.

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All of the dead bodies were burned to a crisp and the charred remains of James Harkins were clasped while he was left in his little son, Herbert. All the victims and those injured belonged to the same family, the Harkins, who came to the rescue of their orphans. The property loss was only \$1,500.

On account of the cold weather, today a fire had started in the stove for the little tots who are cared for there during the day, while their mothers are engaged at work elsewhere. It was thought that this caused the fire through some defect in the flue.

MEXICO IS LIBERAL

Proposes to Contribute \$30,000 to Galveston Sufferers.

City of Mexico, Sept. 18.—A bill has been introduced in the Mexican congress providing for an appropriation of \$30,000 for the Galveston sufferers.

Caleb West as a Drama.

New York, Sept. 18.—The Manhattan theater opened this season with a production of "Caleb West," a dramatization of F. H. Smith's story of an Indian sea folk, by Michael Morton, last night.

An Indian Scare.

Denver, Sept. 17.—An Indian outbreak is threatened in San Miguel county, Colo., according to advice received by Gov. Thomas today. The information was contained in a letter from the postmaster at Cedar, Colo., which was as follows:

"Cedar, Colo., Sept. 12, 1906.—To Gov. Thomas, Denver, Colo.—Dear Sir:—The Ute Indians from Navajo Springs agency, Ute mountains, are here catching and taking away our range horses, and they insist on doing so contrary to our protestations. The stockmen have threatened to shoot if they don't desist, whereupon the Indian chiefs say they

will make war upon the women and children and murder them. Please do what you can to have them ordered away from here. Respectfully, J. W. WESTCOTT, Postmaster."

The governor sent a telegram to the secretary of the interior demanding that steps be taken to protect the settlers.

Telegrams to Indian agents and game wardens asking them to investigate affairs at Cedar were also sent by the governor.

The nearest troops are located at Fort Duchesne, Utah, about 100 miles from Cedar.

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