

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

## STRIKING MINERS BEGIN MARCHING.

### Leaders Are Confident Every Mine Will be Closed—Calvin Pardee Says Operators Will Never Yield—Men Quit Work.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, after getting partial reports at Hazelton from his lieutenants this morning, made the official statement that made the unofficial statement that about 125,000 of the 141,000 mine workers in the anthracite fields are idle today. All of the strike leaders say they are confident that every mine will be closed before the end of the week and the production of coal will be at a standstill.

Marching, the form of persuasion or coercion used by the Hazelton strikers in 1897, began in earnest early this morning in the Hazelton region. A determined band of strikers from McAdoo went to several mine settlements before breakfast and induced the men to quit work. It was this morning that the men from the Hazelton region began to go to work. It was this morning that the men from the Hazelton region began to go to work.

Calvin Pardee, one of the most influential mine owners in the Hazelton region, gave out an interview today, full of defiance, in which he declared that the operators will never yield to the demands of the strikers, and that it is a fight to the finish. "What is likely to become a serious feature of the situation is the stoppage of coal traffic and the consequent laying off of coal train crews. Carrying of coal is almost at a standstill in the Wyoming and Lackawanna regions and many hundreds of men are idle. These men are likely to take action designed to force the strike to a quick conclusion. Even the Reading Company which has more coal for sale than any company, is feeling the strike effect and is shipping less coal today."

### RECRUITS FOR THE STRIKERS.

Hazelton, Pa., Sept. 12.—The ranks of the strikers in the Hazelton district were considerably increased today by recruits from nearly every colliery in the region that worked yesterday. The most important movement occurred south of here this morning when the Hazelton men marched to the south side. They succeeded in tying up several operations, and in further crippling the Coleraine colliery. The Coleraine men are working in the morning, but of this number only half went to work yesterday. When the McAdoo men arrived at Coleraine this morning the women were badly frightened and the men were told to remain away from the mines. When the whistle blew, it was found that only about 150 men had reported for work at No. 2 mine, which usually employs about 300 men. Buck Mountain slope and No. 1 slope of the same company were completely shut down. The breaker, which handles the coal of the three slopes, had only twenty-five boys working on it. The Van Wyck strippers, employing 250 men, failed to start this morning. The men there also having been persuaded to quit by the McAdoo men.

From Coleraine, the McAdoo men went to Treaskow, where they succeeded in closing the Tyler and McTurk washery, employing twenty men. The men there were told to quit work. The only other collieries working on the south side besides the crippled Coleraine are Cox's at Beaver Meadow, which is working full, and the Evans at Heaven Meadow, which is short handed. The Hazel miners at the Hazelton shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal company in this city are practically dead, only a handful of men being at each place. The men at the Lehigh Valley shaft are working very short handed. Operators in this district claim that many men are anxious to work, but they fear bodily harm and don't go to the mine for fear of the strikers. The Van Wyck coal company sent coal and iron police to the home of its men on the south side this morning to get them to return to work. They promised them money when they showed up and from work at the mines, but very few men, if any, went back. "This is 'Firemen's day' in Hazelton, and a big street parade was had. There was a crowd out, but no disorder was reported."

### A THOUSAND MINERS QUIT.

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 12.—One thousand miners employed at five collieries owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company and individual operators, ceased work today in the vicinity of Mount Carmel, Pa., because of the stoppage of the operations. This makes the tie-up complete in the Shamokin region, excepting the Lehigh and North Franklin collieries, operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company. With the exception of a few miners being mobbed by Hungarians near the Pennsylvania colliery last night, every mine was quiet and continues so. Detachments are maintaining a sharp lookout at the various collieries.

### ONLY ONE MINE OPERATING.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 12.—The strike of the anthracite coal miners enters upon its third day with everything shut down in the first district except the End Coal company's mine at Moaniqua. This is the only mine in operation and the strike leaders made a strong but unavailing effort to close it. With this exception the tie up in Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys is doing anything today hereabouts. The operators have failed to make any agreement which insures their employees the same increase demanded. The situation is more complicated by the fact that for within a few days must come the shutting down largely of the electric light service and the possible closing of schools by lack of coal. "The necessity of the strike make this imperative," said Henry Collins, of the district executive board this morning.

"The shutting up of the mines has caused the lay off of every coal train crew in this region, and whatever coal is being moved is going out in the freight trains. The number of railroads idle in consequence reaches into the hundreds."

### HANNA TO TAKE THE STUMP.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Senator Hanna, encouraged by the reception given his speech yesterday at the Commercial McKimley club meeting, has about decided to go upon the stump during the last two weeks of the campaign. He will leave tonight for New York, where he will remain ten days, at the end of which time he will return to Chicago to resume personal control of the national campaign in the West.

### BRYAN AT LEAVENWORTH.

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Reads Hanna's Speeches Instead of Humorous Remarks—Can Stand Mark's Blame if Hoar Stands His Ground.

Leavenworth, Kans., Sept. 12.—A special train over the Missouri Pacific, under the charge of Mr. F. M. Baker, a Democratic leader of Atchison, bore Mr. Bryan out of Kansas City today. The change from the regular coaches, with their accompanying crowds and endless chain of handshakings, was evidently most welcome to the presidential candidate, for, although he has made no complaint, it has been evident that the strain of the past few days, with no opportunity for rest or retirement, has not had an agreeable effect upon him. This is the last of the three days' Kansas-Missouri border tour, and it was begun at 8 o'clock this morning.

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