

"Radical" and "Regular" Factions of Butte Miners' Union Reach Temporary Compromise of Their Bitter Difficulties After Spending a Common Holiday at Each Other's Throats

TROUBLE OVER AFTER HARD FIGHT

ASSOCIATED PRESS DECLARES THAT COMPROMISE ENDED ALL DIFFICULTIES.

OFFICIAL THROWN OUT?

(By Associated Press.)

Butte, June 13.—What is regarded as practically a settlement of the trouble and will avert a general shutdown of the mines in this district tonight, was reached when at a mass meeting of the insurgent miners it was announced by John Pope, general manager of the North Butte Mining company, and James R. Bruce, manager of the Butte and Superior company, that if no officials of the Western Federation of Miners were on the ground tomorrow morning the men could return to work without showing W. F. M. membership cards. As the insurgents dominate the field tonight and the whereabouts of the Western Federation officials are not known, they fled to the county jail for protection. It is regarded as certain there will be no protests.

It was at the properties of the North Butte and the Butte and Superior that the men defied the representatives of the W. F. M. when a demand was made that they show their membership cards, the men refusing. As the North Butte has a contract with the federation requiring that men must show their cards to be given work, the North Butte force was superior force joined in the insurgent movement. Thousands of miners today joined in the insurgent movement. Thousands of miners today joined in the insurgent movement. Thousands of miners today joined in the insurgent movement.

The question of a new union apparently is in abeyance for the time being and the miners are expressing regret for the hasty action which resulted in the practically complete destruction of the headquarters following rioting in which the union's parade was broken up and several dozen heads cracked.

Early tonight during the progress of the mass meeting 400 of the miners wrested a large safe from a score of policemen at the ruins of the miners' headquarters and carried it to the flat below the city, where it was dynamited. Sheriff Tim Driscoll interfered and he was choked and driven from the flat together with his deputies. A wagonload of patrolmen rushed to the scene, decided they would be onlookers when the size of the mob was noted.

The condition of Acting Mayor Frank Curran, who was pitched from a second story window of the federation building when he attempted to address the mob counseling peace, is serious. A wrist and a leg are broken and it is feared he has suffered internal injuries.

All police officers have been assembled at headquarters in anticipation of further rioting tonight, but it is believed the trouble is over now. Following the mass meeting the miners departed for their homes and the streets are clear of crowds.

WILL DIG COPPER SAYS CON KELLEY

Amalgamated Chieftain Will Say Nothing More Than That Mines Will Be Open in Morning.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Butte, June 13.—At 11 o'clock tonight a detachment of fifty members of the Industrial Workers of the World visited the Butte office of the Anaconda Standard on East Broadway and requested that a bulletin in the window regarding the dynamiting of the union safe by the mob be removed. The bulletin contained the exact truth, but nevertheless the crowd insisted that it be taken down, and to avoid trouble it was done.

All of the Butte newspapers were threatened with dynamiting during the day, but the talk was considered idle. Cornelius P. Kelley, when asked tonight what the policy of the Anaconda company in regard to the trouble would be, curtly said: "You may say that our mines will

CONTRACT OF MINERS' UNION WITH COMPANY WAS IN SAFE DYNAMITED BY SECESSIONISTS

(Staff Correspondence.)

Butte, June 14.—At 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning an official of the Miners' union said that the union's contract with the employing companies on wages, hours, etc., was in the safe taken by the mob and dynamited, and that so far as he knew the contract was destroyed. It was signed two years ago and had a year to run. Its destruction can have no effect on relations between the union and the companies, however, as the companies would not repudiate.

Frank M. Hayes is said to have declared tonight that a seceding union would not be recognized by either the United Mine Workers of America or the American Federation of Labor. After carrying the big safe from the Miners' union hall for two miles last evening, the mob in Butte finally managed to dynamite it and secured \$1,013, which, with the contract, was turned over to "Kid" Davis. The crowd which followed the men with the safe was estimated at close to 5,000.

With a squad of deputies in his machine the sheriff tried to head off the moving treasury at the corner of Montana and Front streets about 8 o'clock. The sheriff's automobile was moved out of the way, and the crowd proceeded with the safe containing most of the books of the union. The first shot proved not strong enough. A hole big enough to hold a man's two fists was made in the outer door, but the inner door was untouched. The second shot of three sticks in the hole made by the first gave the secessionists.

COLONEL KIRKHART SEES STRUGGLE IN BUTTE STUDY IN CONTRAST FURNISHED BY CROWDS

AUCTIONEER EYE WITNESS OF GREAT BATTLE ON STREETS OF COPPER CAMP.

Colonel K. H. Kirkhart, prominent throughout Montana as an auctioneer, present in Missoula last night at a personal story of the fight in Butte between the conflicting factions of miners. The colonel was in the copper camp yesterday to sell lots in a new addition near Butte, and was standing on the curb when the battle was opened.

"There was no rioting and no shouting or noise," said the colonel last night. "The seceders simply wanted until the parade had gotten underway and then marched out into the street and by strength of numbers broke up the parade. They did not strike any blows. They merely forced their way into the street and took possession. 'Riley, the president of the miners' union, tried to ride his horse through the crowd of seceders and it was then that the only real trouble started. The men dragged Riley from his horse and beat him badly before he could get away. Another man followed Riley and he was treated in the same way."

"Later, the great crowd went to the union hall, locked in the doors and wrecked the place. There was little noise and no fighting on the outskirts of the crowd. The men seemed cool and collected about it all and did their work in a business-like way."

A NEW MINISTER.

Santo Domingo, June 13. President Bordas appointed Eduardo Soler, former minister of finance, to be Dominican minister at Washington, and Luis Galvan, a newspaper editor, as secretary of the legation, today.

GHOULS.

Canyon City, Ore., June 13. Four men were arrested in a cemetery near here shortly after midnight disintering the body of Daisy Potts of Los Angeles, whose husband, Charles E. Potts, is on trial here charged with murder.



C. F. KELLEY.

all operate in the morning." Further than this Mr. Kelley would not be quoted.

At Mass Meeting After Day of Rioting, Seceding Radicals Ask for Referendum Vote on Grievances, Including Alleged Misuse by President Riley of Strike Fund and Disappearance of Relief Moneys Sent to Michigan---During Day Miners' Union Hall Is Destroyed and Formal Observance of Birthday of Organization Is Made Impossible--Amalgamated Will Refuse to Tolerate Trouble---Staff Correspondent of Missoulian Tells of History-Making Events.

(By Louis M. Thayer, staff correspondent.)

Butte, June 13.—A compromise, reached unofficially and still to be ratified by a referendum of the entire union, probably has averted further clashes between factions of the Butte Miners' union.

At a meeting held at the Auditorium this evening, the seceders from the union were informed by the management of the North Butte Mining company that if no officials of the Western Federation of Miners appear at the shaft tomorrow morning to demand working cards, the men will be permitted to go to work without them. Sentiment being what it is and events of the day being indicative of the disposition of a majority of the union to embrace the seceding cause, there is little likelihood that the Western Federation of Miners chiefs will make any effort to prevent the seceders from assuming their old jobs—for the present at least. After the hotter heads have had a chance to cool off there will be an opportunity to arrange a compromise that will hold. The mass meeting tonight demanded a referendum on the entire dispute and it is very probable that the entire union will grant the demand.

There has been no violence worthy of the name this evening. Several thousand men crowded to the auditorium where the seceders were in session, but an ample guard of police kept order. The streets were not unusually crowded. The saloons are closed, the theaters did their normal business and a stranger entering the city would not guess that another chapter has just been written in the history of Montana.

The Missoulian correspondent interviewed "Musks" McDonald and William O'Brien, leaders of the seceders, at the Auditorium this evening. They appeared convinced that trouble is over and the cause won.

Typical Radical.

McDonald, who says he is a Finn, is a typical radical—tall, and handsome, dreamy-eyed, with the bearing of a gentleman; the long, thin hands of a scholar and the address of a man of affairs. He is a striking figure among the sturdy miners who surround him. McDonald, he confesses, is not his name, but he is recent and would say nothing of his past. Nobody seems to know where he came from or whom he represents. But he has wound the local cause of the I. W. W. around his finger; his word is law.

William O'Brien is Irish, pronounced so, stocky, powerfully built, leonine of head and face. He has resided in Butte for some time, and always has taken a prominent part among the radicals of the miners.

Both leaders deny the wild talk that is going about. The streets are full of rumors of dynamiting, of murder, of what not, but unless the rowdy element gains control the worst is over. The radicals have gained their point; inquiry into their grievances.

When the Calumet strike broke out, the local miners agreed to send a day's pay each month to the Michigan strikers. This was three dollars and a half, and added to their regular monthly wage of two dollars, took a good part of their pay. While the miner who works every day makes about one hundred dollars a month, very few miners work every day. The average would not be 20 days. Hence, assessment grew to be a burden. Yet, though the strike in Michigan is confessedly lost, the money is still collected.

Bert Riley, retiring president of the Miners' union, is the man the radicals blame for their woes. They sent a representative to Michigan some weeks ago, the I. W. W. did. Nobody but those in on the "know" heard of his departure. He reported that while the local miners had collected \$150,000 for the Michigan strikers, far less than that can be accounted for on the books in Michigan. There has been no satisfactory accounting here, and this disagreement was the main issue at the last election of the union.

The regulars put up Tim Conners, a popular miner, always conservative. The I. W. W. named a complete ticket, but withdrew it before the election, claiming that the regulars had jugged them by gaining control of the judges.

Five Hundred Votes. There are about ten thousand men entitled to vote in the Miners' union; just 48 cast their votes. It was given out that 2,300 voted, but The Missoulian is reliably informed that

only the number of ballots quoted was cast.

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Unequal Assessment. Another grievance lies in an alleged inequality of assessment. The I. W. W. say that the books show that hundreds of men who paid assessments were not credited with them, while many who did not pay were credited. As only a small part of the miners ever get to vote, the radicals were powerless. The regulars always control the offices and take possession of the hall and allow in to vote only those whom they can trust. Under the compromise presumed to have been reached tonight, all this may be settled. There seems to be a general disposition to draw in horns. The attitude of the employing companies through and water on both sides. The companies themselves are in no way directly involved, only the miners in the North Butte and the Butte-Superior are involved at all, but it is generally understood that the Amalgamated does not care to risk a prolonged legal battle to please either faction. The miners have been given to understand that they must not only settle the matter among themselves, but settle it quickly.

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The mob then learned that the sheriff had left the larger safe in the hall and went there with a wagon, took the safe and carried it to an obscure point on the flat near the Centennial brewery, where, after hours of effort, the safe finally was dynamited. The Riley administration, fearing that what happened today, removed all papers of value last night.

The ordinary books and records of the miners, however, were entirely destroyed and many could not be replaced. Sheriff Driscoll spent a frantic afternoon and evening endeavoring to sweep in deputies, but nobody would serve. A story sent out this afternoon said that 250 had been sworn in, but as a matter of fact no more than 50 are serving, and these are courthouse clerks and firemen. All firemen from the mines were summoned to duty in fear that the mines might be fired or dynamited, but there is little basis to the rumor that an attempt to do this is contemplated. During the worst of the trouble this

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Single Flash of Comedy Precedes Storm's Break

Butte, June 13.—(Special)—When the clerks' union, with the Butte Police float in the rear, swung into West Woodman street for one of the more notable events of the day happened. As the big new truck, laden with all manner of fruits and vegetables, went over the crossing a wheel sank into a rut. There was a jar, the wagon tipped and half the load fell into the street. A wild rush of children fell on the vegetables and fruits, and apples, oranges, bananas, grapefruit, cantaloupes, cabbage, peaches and pears were gathered by ready hands. One woman hustled two dozen heads of cabbage into her apron. The accident, a fortunate one for some, delayed the march for a few moments.

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Dynamiters Work in Early Morn

Butte, June 14.—At 2 o'clock this (Sunday) morning the residence of Patrick Casey, an official of the union and a leader of the conservatives, was dynamited. Casey and his wife and three children were in the house, but none was injured. The windows were blown up and a porch blown off.

It is also rumored that an attempt was made at about the same hour to dynamite the home of Bert Riley, president of the miners' union, who lives on Virginia street, far out in the environs. This report could not be verified.

The sheriff's office immediately organized a posse and is scouring the hills near the home of the dynamiters. Shots were heard near the home immediately after the dynamiting. The situation is reported under control and the streets are quiet at this hour.