

ACTION IN ILLINOIS. REFUSE MINERS' DEMANDS

President Dolan Takes Fight to Court—Snow Interferes.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The Illinois Coal Operators unanimously decided at a meeting to-day to refuse demands made by the United Mine Workers of America. The meeting was executive in character, and was attended by two hundred coal operators from all parts of the State.

The Illinois Coal Operators' Association received the report of its action committee, and unanimously approved its action in refusing to accede to the demands made upon the operators by the United Mine Workers of America.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—The conflict between President Dolan of the local district of United Mine Workers of America and the delegates to the district convention now in session has been taken into the courts. Dolan to-day secured a preliminary injunction in the Common Pleas Court which restrains the delegates from interfering with his presiding over their meeting.

One hundred and thirty-six delegates are named, and the injunction was served on these individually while they were in the convention hall to-day. When this latest move of Dolan's became known, there were more hoots and hisses in the hall and renewed scenes of disorder which have characterized the five days the convention now has been in session.

John Mitchell, it was learned to-day, has refused financial aid to the local miners in their fight to oust Dolan. He sent word to-night that they must fight the case at their own expense.

Indianapolis, Feb. 9.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America declined to discuss the situation at Pittsburg to-day. Mr. Mitchell will leave to-morrow for Philadelphia to meet the miners' officers of the anthracite districts, preparatory to his conference with the anthracite operators and railroad presidents at New-York, on February 15. He has not planned to stop at Pittsburg.

Mahanoy City, Penn., Feb. 9.—Several collieries in this region were forced to suspend operations to-day on account of the heavy snowfall during the night. This is expected to greatly interfere with the rushing of coal east in preparation for a possible strike.

Shamokin, Penn., Feb. 9.—Five thousand men and boys were rendered idle to-day owing to the majority of the collieries in this region being compelled to suspend on account of a snow blockade.

THE WILCOX LETTER.

Text of Railroad President's Reply to John Mitchell.

President David Wilcox of the Delaware and Hudson Company gave out yesterday the text of his letter to President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, agreeing to a conference. In the letter he gives his ideas as to the stand of the employers. The letter has been printed in pamphlet form. It was learned yesterday that the letter was warmly indorsed at the meeting of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers, held last Tuesday and accepted as a true presentation of the stand they will take. At the offices of the various coal presidents it was accepted as their general sentiment yesterday.

After saying that he is willing, with the other coal presidents, to meet Mr. Mitchell in this city on February 15, he reminds Mr. Mitchell that the anthracite strike commission, which was appointed after the strike of 1902, found that the average hours actually worked a day did not exceed six for the miners and eight for the other employees. He says the present conditions are substantially the same. Any change in this direction looked for by the employers would not be a diminution in the actual hours of labor, but an increase in the rate an hour of 12.5 per cent, he says. He considered no changes necessary, as the strike commission covered everything, and after the strike awarded a substantial increase in wages.

In a table which is appended to the letter Mr. Wilcox also shows from the annual report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs of the State of Pennsylvania for the year 1904 the great difference in the earnings of the anthracite and bituminous miners. The report shows that all classes of anthracite employees earned 28 per cent more than the bituminous employees. It is probable that the coal presidents will meet again before Mr. Mitchell comes here.

The text of Mr. Wilcox's letter, which is dated February 3, follows:

five cents in the price of the prepared sizes of coal. The minimum price of coal, upon which the wages were based, is higher than that prevailing before the award was made, and the price of coal has increased at the rate fixed by the commission. The rates of wages thus fixed by the commission exceed very greatly those now prevailing in the bituminous industry of Pennsylvania. The commission also disposed of all matters which should have been brought before it, and among other things, decided upon the method by which the industry must remain open to all seeking employment, regardless of their affiliation or otherwise with labor organizations.

The commission provided by its award for the organization of a conciliation board, to consist of three representatives of the employers, and three representing the employees, with provisions for the appointment of an umpire when necessary. A claim was asserted by both sides that the commission that a contract should be made by each of the employers with the United Mine Workers of America covering the conditions which should be met and (2) the conditions of employment which shall be the adjustment of all matters which shall be necessary or desirable at the same time. The commission decided that such a contract was neither a practical nor a desirable one. It decided that certain changes in the organization and the United Mine Workers, which seemed to it to be necessary for the success of the organization. These suggested changes have never been made.

The commission, therefore, covered by its award "all questions at issue between the respective companies and their employees, and provided a satisfactory method of adjustment of all matters which might arise from time to time." The commission decided that such a contract was neither a practical nor a desirable one. It decided that certain changes in the organization and the United Mine Workers, which seemed to it to be necessary for the success of the organization. These suggested changes have never been made.

All the existing relations between the employers and the employees are, therefore, the result of past arbitrations and have been established by awards already made, either by the Commission or by the arbitrators. This method has been the practical result to the employees of existing conditions, so far as this company is concerned, may be illustrated by the fact that the production of 5,598,532 tons. In December last the increase in wages by reason of the award of the commission was 17.5 per cent for the miners and 17.8 per cent for the employees by the day. For the year the increase in labor cost was 20.72 cents per ton, or 1.27 per cent. It is to be noted that the total increase in cost for 1905 was \$1,202,275, while the total increase in price was \$1,202,275, or 1.27 per cent. In the aggregate, \$1,202,275, or 1.27 per cent, was absorbed the entire increase in price, save \$4,848.92, or about three-quarters of a cent a ton.

As it is impossible for the Commission to continue to be absolutely controlling as to future conditions after March 31, 1906, but its decision after that date will be subject to the review of an arbitrator and by all interested persons as conclusive in the absence of some new facts raising the question of the award. The award is, indeed, it is scarcely conceivable that any party to the award would seek to renew or retry the award, or to establish a new award, or to subject to such arbitration. If there be any new facts which raise new questions beyond the scope of the award, the arbitrator will be brought to public attention. In case, however, there be such matters, the natural course would be to refer them to the arbitrator, who represents the employees to present them to the members who represent the employers, and can secure their settlement by the arbitrator. Indeed, it is difficult to see what other course could be equally effective, as there is no association of the employers, and no union of the employees, and it is difficult to see what other course could be equally effective, as there is no association of the employers, and no union of the employees, and it is difficult to see what other course could be equally effective, as there is no association of the employers, and no union of the employees.

Appended to the letter is the following table under the caption, "Comparison of Earnings in the Anthracite and Bituminous Mining Industries of Pennsylvania":

Table with 3 columns: Average days worked, Average number of employees, Average daily earnings of all employees. Anthracite and Bituminous columns.

The yearly earnings of all classes of anthracite employees, therefore, are 28 per cent greater than those of the bituminous employees. The yearly earnings of the anthracite miners were more than 100 per cent greater than those of the bituminous miners.

CITY MUST STORE UP COAL.

Cheapest Plan, Says Metz—Must Yield to Dealers Now, Pending Strike.

Controller Metz said yesterday that he was in favor of having the city buy coal when it is cheapest and store it against the time of need, instead of buying it as wanted, making it necessary to pay the high prices, as in the instance of the Department of Docks and Ferries for the operation of the municipal ferry to Staten Island and for the Department of Water Supply pumping stations in Queens. In these instances the contractors have threatened to withdraw their bids if the possibility of a coal strike the city will be obliged to stand for the exorbitant prices of the Staten Island ferry or stop pumping water in Queens.

There is no law to prevent the city from purchasing a year's supply of coal in any one month, so long as the money is available. The city has no money in all departments of the city if storage yards were provided from which the supply could be drawn after a coal strike. Large private corporations have coal when it is cheap and store it. I shall be obliged, because of the exigencies of the case, to approve some coal contracts now pending at the high prices, as in the instance of the Department of Docks and Ferries for the operation of the municipal ferry to Staten Island and for the Department of Water Supply pumping stations in Queens.

COLER ATTACKS MERGER.

Urges Aldermen to Retain Hughes to Conduct Investigation.

Borough President Coler of Brooklyn savagely attacked the proposed merger of the Metropolitan and Interborough interests before the Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen yesterday, and suggested that Charles E. Hughes be retained by the aldermen to investigate the merger. The committee considered Mr. Coler's resolution for an investigation and that of Alderman Hahn approving Senator Saxe's bill for the removal of steam tracks from 10th and 11th avenues.

Mr. Coler said the ultimate effect of the consolidation of street railroad interests would be that the people would get nothing except what it pleased the combination to bid on. One effect of the merger, he said, was the taking over to itself of a good part of the brains of the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners. They gathered in the chief engineer, William Barclay Parsons, he said, and then retained Edward M. Shepard, who was counsel for the board for many years.

He declared that conditions were as bad in Brooklyn as in New-York, where the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and the Long Island Railroad had an agreement not to intrude on each other's territory. He said that Mr. Parsons, when questioned last Tuesday as to what was proposed for the development of rapid transit in Brooklyn, said that he did not know.

President Coler urged upon the board to investigate the merger. He said that Charles E. Hughes and other able counsel should be employed, and he was confident that the \$25,000 required would be appropriated. The committee took up first the resolution on Senator Saxe's bill. The only one to appear against the bill was Robert W. Luce, a lawyer representing the railroad company. He requested an adjournment or a subsequent hearing, but the committee refused to grant his request. The author of the bill, next urged the adoption of the resolution. Miles M. Dawson, chairman of the committee, spoke in favor of the bill, as did Father Chidwick, John C. Coleman and Myron Adams.

It was decided that another hearing be given on the resolution relating to Senator Saxe's bill. The committee decided to request from the Corporation Counsel an opinion as to its propriety before making any report on Mr. Coler's resolution.

TUNNEL INTERESTS WIN.

City Must Not Interfere with Steinsway Chute.

Justice Blanchard, in the Supreme Court, granted a temporary restraining order yesterday against the city to the interests building the Steinsway tunnel under the East River at 42d-st. The construction company is controlled by the Interborough Corporation, Theodore Connolly and Terrence Farrelly, Assistant Corporation Counsel, appeared for the city, and DeLancey Nicoll and George W. Wickershaw for the company. Justice Blanchard upheld Mr. Wickershaw's contention, that the limit for the completion of the tunnel being January 1, 1907, and that it would be impossible to finish it in that time. Mr. Wickershaw said the company realized it was doing the work at its own risk should the courts finally declare the franchise invalid. Mr. Connolly ridiculed the statement that delay would injure the company and contended that it had for years neglected to use its franchise. To prove the point he made the franchise company is working under Mr. Connolly's chapter of the General Railroad act of 1897, which says that if any corporation shall not within five years after its incorporation begin and spend 10 per cent of capital in construction, or shall not finish and operate the same within the time specified, its charter shall cease.

Mr. Wickershaw said that the franchise was granted under the Railway act of 1850 and Tunnel act of 1880 to the New-York and Long Island Railroad Company, which was later sold to the city. The franchise would have expired seven years later, but in 1890 it was extended three years. He said work was begun within the time specified, and 10 per cent of the capital was expended, \$100,000 being actually put into the work.

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HIS RECORD IS CLEAR.

Candidate for Mayor of Allegheny Not Connected with Enterprise Bank Failure.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A short time ago Charles F. Kirschler, candidate for Mayor of Allegheny, Penn., wrote to the President saying that a certain preacher of his city had been charging him, sometimes openly and sometimes by insinuations and innuendoes, with responsibility for the failure of the Enterprise National Bank, and asking that the matter be investigated. The President referred the matter to the Controller for a report. The Controller's letter to the Secretary of the Treasury is as follows:

I return herewith a letter from Mr. William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the President, and also a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by the President of the Provident Trust Company and Republican nominee for Mayor of Allegheny, Penn. As required by law, a N. Y. State banker, receiver of the Enterprise National Bank, and Edward P. Moxey, Special National Bank Examiner, detailed to investigate the failure of the bank at the request of the Department of Justice, whether there is anything implicating Mr. Charles F. Kirschler, or in any way connecting him with the failure of the Enterprise National Bank. Mr. Moxey writes as follows: "Thus far in my investigation I have not been across records of any transaction that Charles F. Kirschler had with the bank, either as a maker or indorser of any note. His name does not appear to be among the depositors of the bank. Mr. Kirschler writes and telegrams him practically to the same effect, and that I am safe in saying that there has not been found in the Enterprise National Bank any evidence connecting the name of Charles F. Kirschler with the failure of that bank."

PREDICTS BETTER COTTON SHOWING. Miller & Co.'s current circular says: We of the United States feel very proud of our growth and commercial activity, but there is one thing upon which we should be kept on our guard, and that is the cotton supply. Although our production has increased, it is still far below the needs of the world. The value of exports of cotton goods and yarns from the United States and from Great Britain for the last two years presents the following striking contrast:

Table with 3 columns: Exports of cotton goods and yarns. United States, Great Britain, Total. 1904-05, 1905-06.

It is gratifying to note the increase of more than 50 per cent in our exports within a two-year period. If it were not for this, it would be a matter of regret that the United States will export more than 50 per cent of the world's supply of cotton goods, otherwise we shall not have fulfilled our destiny as a nation, or equalled our exploits in other industrial lines.

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