

STRIKING MINERS FAIL TO RETURN

100,000 Miners Still Idle—In-surgents Assert It Is Fight to Finish With Operators

CRISIS SEEN TOMORROW

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 7.—(By A. P.)—No marked improvement was noted in the anthracite mining situation in the Lackawanna region today, morning reports indicating that more men are away from the mines than was the case last week.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western officials looked for no change today following the holiday, but announced that nearly all their mines will be working tomorrow.

The Pennsylvania Coal Co. officials at Durmore said No. 1 mine of the company at that place is virtually idle today, but that many more men have gone back to work in the Pittston district. The company officials are confident that the offer made to the miners adjusting the contract miner system immediately on the return of the men to work will be accepted. The men of this company have been on strike for two months.

Washington, Sept. 7.—(By A. P.)—Twenty thousand miners were expected to return today from their "vacation" and resume work in the mines adjacent to Wilkes-Barre, according to reports received by the Department of Labor. It was predicted that ten collieries would be reopened in the Scranton section.

Department of Labor officials said today that optimistic reports also were being received from Pennsylvania, where it was thought that all the miners would have returned to work by the end of this week.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 7.—(By A. P.)—Not a single colliery of the Reading Coal and Iron Co. resumed work this morning. It was said that there was a prospect of at least a few of the mines remaining but the men failed to report. Some of the officials in the region say that many of the men want to get back to work and some of the necessary resume on Wednesday.

Clearfield, Pa., Sept. 7.—(By A. P.)—Orders have again broken out at the mine of the Mountz Coal Co. at Jamesville, Pa., and Alexander Johnson, a minor, has been ambushed and killed, according to information which reached here today. One arrest has been made in connection with the shooting.

A strike against the "open shop" was called at the mine two years ago, and later the fan house was blown up. Soon after the house occupied by a miner was dynamited and the miner, William Copenhaver, was shot but not seriously wounded, and a little later another miner was attacked. Efforts

SUGGESTS RAISING FUND TO PROBE COAL GOUGERS

Riverton Water Company Official Believes Public Should Follow Revelations Made by Colonel McCain

Establishment of a private fund to lay bare all the facts bearing on the present high cost of coal so that the profiteers in the coal industry may be smoked out, was advocated today by R. W. Knight, treasurer of the Riverton and Palmyra Water Co.

Mr. Knight said his company was willing to contribute to such a fund. He suggested that coal users could contribute in proportion to the amount of coal they use.

Government Will Stop Coal Gouging

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miners' agreement, was a fair price for the commodity.

"There may be here and there individual instances," he continued, "where, owing to local conditions, where the mine had been operated on a very narrow margin of profit, in which the \$1-a-ton advance might not be unreasonable. But such a condition would have to be developed by investigation."

Date of Probe Not Set
Attorney General Palmer did not say when the Department of Justice would give its attention to the profiteering operators. Not at least till the present excitement and uncertainty in the region settled.

The whole anthracite situation is in a state of flux. It will be weeks before conditions are straightened out. When that time comes Mr. Palmer will have the matter made the subject of federal investigation.

Action by the attorney general in the bituminous coal trade, to which he referred as a criterion for action in the anthracite trade, was undertaken late in July and August. A condition almost amounting to panic existed in the bituminous business. There was reckless pyramiding of prices and

meets as to profits, rentals and methods of bookkeeping. They are artful dog-dogs all right.

Here are two of the items of the program adopted by the bituminous men to aid the attorney general to purge the industry of crooked dealers and profiteers:

First. That all members of the wholesale bituminous coal trade shall be requested and urged to sign a pledge not to take part in the purchase or sale of bituminous coal where the same has passed through the hands of more than one other wholesale house. (In this connection a sales agency of an operating company is regarded as a wholesaler.)

Second. It is recommended to the members of the wholesale coal trade that the gross maximum margin of profit be 10 per cent on the invoice price at the place of sale.

Third. The committee constitutes itself a grievance committee and invites the public and members of the trade to present to it facts concerning the abuses, which it will investigate fully and use every measure within its power to correct.

Is Frankly Skeptical
Can any person imagine the anthracite coal trade membership as at present constituted, and judged simply by their past, pledging itself to such a program? It would be almost tangible evidence that the millennium is ready to break, or the golden age has come back again.

It is for these reasons that I am frankly skeptical of Mr. Palmer's plan. It will take too much time to investigate books, bring in witnesses, examine sales sheets. It would be more effective to get the statistics in the case as far as possible, then notify the operators that prosecutions would follow unless there was a return of the money, and the money would be forthcoming.

Ohioan Says G. O. P. Has Paid Collectors

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against local committees and then said:

"But these local organizations were largely 'scenery.' The real worker for funds were paid men headed by Harry M. Blair, assistant to Mr. Upham."

Professional Money Raisers
He said Blair had under his certain "divisional directors" in charge of

SOCIALISTS OPPOSE LEAGUE

Paet Reputed by Vice Presidential Candidate in Speech

Minneapolis, Sept. 7.—(By A. P.)—Speaking in behalf of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist nominee for President, now in prison at Atlanta, Ga., Seymour Stedman, Socialist candidate for Vice President, last night attacked the Democratic administration and took exception to statements of Governor James M. Cox. Mr. Stedman said Mr. Debs could not speak "from city to city or even from a front porch," and so was sending his message "from a front cell to which he was sent during the hysteria of war."

Mr. Stedman declared the idea of the League of Nations originated with the Socialist party, but he added that he repudiated the present league and the conditions under which it was arrived at.

Governor Cox was quoted as saying "civilization is threatened," Stedman declared.

"Develop an industrial field on the broadest lines to strike with the economic arm and the political arm, the workers united will stop the threat against civilization," Mr. Stedman said.

852 PHILA. MEN IN OFFICERS' RESERVE

This City Furnishes Large Contingent to Corps, According to Army's Figures

HAVE TEN COLONELS HERE

Philadelphia has 852 men in the United States army officers' reserve corps, according to an official list just made public by the War Department.

Ten colonels, twenty-two lieutenant colonels, sixty-nine majors, 110 captains, 168 first lieutenants and 478 second lieutenants compose the Philadelphia section of the list.

Dr. George Edmund De Schweinitz, eye specialist, and Dr. C. Lincoln Furush, director of the Department of Public Health, are included in the medical reserve. Both hold the rank of colonel. Dr. J. Edward Medley, of 1003 Diamond street, holds the rank of major.

William Curtis Farabee, curator of the University museum, who was one of the ethnographers at the Peace Conference, holds the rank of major in the quartermaster section.

The aviation section of the army, which was divorced from the signal corps during the war, is again listed as a division of the signal corps. Herbert Eugene Ives, 229 East Meade street, with the commission of major, is the ranking officer among the aviation reservists.

Philadelphia is represented by two chaplains, Robert L. Logan, 129 West Seymour street, and Granville Taylor, 5610 Whittier avenue. Both hold the rank of first lieutenant.

200 DROWNED IN TIDAL WAVE

Tokio, Sept. 7.—(By A. P.)—Two hundred men were drowned in a tidal wave which swept over buildings and barracks on the island of Saghalien, according to reports received here.

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Program

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