

CRITICAL HOUR HAS ARRIVED

Beginning of the Final Struggle Between Mine Workers and Operators.

THERE IS FEAR OF VIOLENCE

Neither Side Shows Disposition to Retreat—The Mine Workers Contend That the Order Given Engineers, Firemen and Pumpmen to Quit Work Unless Granted an Eight Hour Day Will Be Generally Obeyed—Operator Says That a Surprisingly Large Number of Men Have Volunteered to Take the Places of the Strikers—A Large Army of Coal and Iron Police Will Guard Company Property.

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Wilkes-Barre, June 1.—The eve of what is looked upon as a most important week in the progress of the anthracite coal miners' strike, finds the entire region in an apprehensive mood.

At 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, the order of the United Mine Workers of America, calling on all the stationary engineers, firemen and pumpmen unless the companies grant them an eight-hour work-day at present wages, goes into effect, and no one can forestall the outcome of the new move.

Victory for either side will be of immense advantage, and both parties to the controversy are striving with all the power at their command to win if the union succeeds in shutting down the pumps, the mine properties will suffer damage that may reach into millions of dollars, and if the employers should be able to keep the water out of their workings without the aid of organized labor, it means that the power of the union in the anthracite region has reached its limit and that all help in the effort to force the mine owners to grant the demands of the great army of 147,000 men must come from some outside source.

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Neither side tonight shows the slightest disposition to yield, and the words of one mining superintendent, "It is a fight to the finish," President Mitchell said tonight, this is the first time in the history of his organization that the union was compelled to call out this class of employees and thus endanger the safety of the mines.

There is a fear throughout the coal belt that the coming week will witness more or less serious disturbances. Tomorrow is looked upon by well-informed persons as a critical day, but it is not believed that any very serious trouble will occur.

Volunteers Plenty. Practically all the non-union men to be employed are now in the region. The companies say that the number of those who have volunteered to fill strikers' places has been surprisingly large, and that no difficulty has been encountered in selecting good men.

Special Officers Hissed and Hooted at by an Angry Mob—Hotel Servant Girls Asked to Strike.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, June 1.—The several hundred special officers brought here last night for guard duty at the collieries in the Hazleton district, were distributed to the mines today. They will be housed and boarded at the breakers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, June 1.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: "The anthracite coal trade is unengaged in the idleness of the mines. The movement of coal to market is very small, and most of the breakers are now bare. Retail prices are fluctuating, and all the dealers are short, being unable to supply the wants of their customers in any satisfactory way.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wellsville, Pa., June 1.—Returns from 47 of the 46 voting districts in Tioga county indicate the election at the Republican primaries last night of the Elkin delegates by 300 majority. It is said the returns from the two remaining districts will not affect the results.

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This expedition had been especially organized by United States Consul Ayme and Prof. Hellprin, and was led by the latter.

The expedition left Fort de France last Thursday, May 20, at noon. Friday was spent in studying the new crater, which had opened on the north flank of the mountain, Saturday morning, Prof. Hellprin determined to attempt the ascent to the top of the crater, and with this purpose in view, he set out at 5 o'clock.

The volcano was very active, but amid a thousand dangers, Prof. Hellprin reached the summit and looked down into the huge crater. Here he spent some time in taking careful observations. He saw a huge cinder cone in the center of the crater. The opening of the crater itself is a vast trevice, 500 feet long and 100 feet wide.

While Prof. Hellprin was on the summit of the volcano, several violent explosions of steam and cinder-laden vapor took place, and again and again his life was in danger. Ashes fell about him in such quantities that he could not see the ground under his feet.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN CRISIS

Intervention of Emperor Has Now Become Inevitable, It Is Said.

PHILIPPINES BILL TO BE DISPOSED OF

The Senate Will Vote on the Measure Tomorrow Afternoon—House Proceedings.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, June 1.—Under the terms of the preliminary agreement reached last Wednesday, the senate will vote at 4 o'clock Tuesday on the bill providing a form of civil government for the Philippine islands, and the entire intervening time of the senate's sessions will be devoted to fifteen-minute speeches on the bill.

The senate will meet at 11 o'clock Monday, and on Tuesday, for the purpose of giving additional time for the discussion. A large number of short speeches will be made, but no order for their delivery has been agreed on.

The general understanding now that on Wednesday, after the disposal of the Philippine bill, the Nicaragua canal bill will be called up and made the regular order of business. There will be an effort made to substitute for the Nicaragua bill, the bill introduced by Senator Spooner, leaving to the discretion of the president the route of an isthmian canal route, and its champions are claiming a majority of the senate will support them.

The present intention is to have the Republican senators caucus on the bill when reported, with the hope of making it a party measure and of thus avoiding the division in the party ranks which was experienced over the question in the house of representatives.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Tarrytown, N. Y., June 1.—A crank who said he was Miss Helen Gould's husband was arrested in Irvington last night. He was taken before Judge Taylor today and committed to White Plains for examination as to his sanity.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, June 1.—In reply to the question as to what he thought of this city as the place for holding the next Republican convention, Senator Hanna said: "I attempted to have the convention held here people would say that I was doing it for my own interest, and I am having hard enough now trying to put an end to the talk of my being a candidate for the presidency."

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 1.—Arrived: L'Anjou, Havre; Ryndham, Rotterdam; and Boulogne Sur Mer; Georgian, Liverpool; Furness, Glasgow and Morille, Gibraltar; Sailed: Lahn, from Genoa and Naples, New York. Queenstown-Sailed: Etruria, from Liverpool, New York. Southampton-Sailed: Bremen, from Bremen, New York.

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A crowd gathered at the Mansion House and the lord mayor of London, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, announced from the balcony that terms of surrender had been signed in South Africa. Lord Kitchener's definite announcement of peace was received at the war office at 1 o'clock this afternoon and was communicated to King Edward and all the members of the cabinet before it was given to the public.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 1.—Max Kasten, 32 years old, and Mrs. Lydia McKrow, the same age, and an unknown man lost their lives today in a fire which swept away many buildings at Rockaway Beach. Thomas S. McKrow and his 5-year-old son Frank; Martin Hansen, aged 28, and Morris Hansen, 75, were injured and taken to a hospital. Several hours later young McKrow died and the father was reported dying.

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