

EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING

The So-Called Hopkins County Strike Has Cost the Agitators A Large Sum of Money.

SOME VERY FAT PICKINGS.

The Officers of the Organization and Their Lawyers Have Had a Regular Harvest.

The so-called strike that has been in Hopkins county for the past 16 months has been rather a costly thing for all parties concerned. At present we are not able to state what it has cost the coal companies of the county to defend themselves against the men who have been trying by persuasion, by threats and force to organize the mines of the district. The companies interested have made no public statement of the expense incurred by them in trying to protect their property from destruction by others.

The Secretary-Treasurer of district No. 23, United Mine Workers, makes his report of money expended from Oct. 1st, 1900, to Dec. 1st, 1901, a period of fourteen months.

The amount of money spent on the so-called "Hopkins county strikes" was \$165,462.52. Of this \$7,360.50, was for legal services.

The officers and organizers got \$28,295.95 in salaries and expenses.

The "strikers" (?) and "incidental expenses" got \$129,598.72.

From the foregoing report, it seems that there has been some pretty fat pickings for a number of people. During that time, the lawyers have managed to gobble up \$7,360.50 for their services. This is quite a nice little sum that these men have been able to put into their pockets and the pickings have just fairly commenced.

But the officers and organizers have come in for a still larger share. There are not a great many officers, that is as we understand it, but what few there are, with the organizers have managed to make a pretty good thing out of it. The sum of \$28,295.95 for salaries of officers and for those engaged in organizing looks to a common newspaper man to be a monstrous sum, especially when we take into consideration the fact that so little has been accomplished by these men.

Of the sum of \$165,462.52 spent in the work, the lawyers, the officers and organizers got \$35,656.45, or nearly one-fourth the amount sent here for the purpose of organizing men against their wish, for the purpose of keeping up a disturbance in the county. This leaves the sum of \$129,806.45 that has been distributed to the men who have joined the organization and for the purpose of paying other "incidental" expenses, whatever these "incidentals" may be.

This money is raised by a tax that is levied on the miners in counties where the miners are unionized. Every miner is compelled, whether he likes it or not, to contribute to the maintenance of the so-called strike in Hopkins county. He has no choice in the matter, but when pay day arrives, his assessment is kept out and handed over to the fund to be used by the agitators. It may be that the man assessed is poor, his family in need, his pay but little, yet that does not keep him from having to contribute his mite to help

maintain the lawyers, the officers, the organizers and the other "incidentals."

And what good has been accomplished by all this expenditure of money? The mines of Hopkins county are no nearer being organized now than they were 16 months ago. There is not a mine that is not running with a full force of men and orders coming in for coal faster than the order can be filled. Not more than 10 percent of the men who were at work in the mines at the time of the advent of the Mine Workers ever joined the organization, while the places of those who quit work have been filled without the least trouble to the operators. It is a fact that for every man who has thrown up his job, that two men have been ready to fill his vacancy. There is not now a mine in the county but has every man it needs for the successful management of its business.—Glenn's Graphic.

FASTEST TRIP ON

RECORD ON L. & N.

L. & N. Runs a Special From St. Louis to St. Augustine, Fla.

At 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon President Culver, of the Wrought Iron Range Company, of St. Louis, asked for a special train to St. Augustine, Fla., where his daughter was thought to be dying of scarlet fever, and at 5:50 p. m. the train was waiting under the shed at the union station, St. Louis. The special left Union depot at 7:20 p. m. and arrived at Nashville at 2:20 a. m., a distance of 316 miles, making the trip in seven hours at a rate of speed, including all stops, of nearly 50 miles per hour.

President Culver spoke in highest terms of the splendid service given him by the L. & N. and was well pleased with the speed attained. Conductor Geo. Maddox and Engineer Covert, with engine 121, were in charge of the special on the Henderson division.

This Cap Designed for Those it Fits.

One of our merchants met a well-to-do farmer on the street the other day and asked the son of toil for his patronage. The farmer was surprised and said: "I have been taking your town paper ever since it started and never knew you were in business. I look the advertisements over every week and your name is not there, and whenever your name is mentioned it doesn't state that you are in business."

The merchant said he didn't believe in newspaper advertising, but did all his advertising on rocks, fences, bridges, etc., and you have certainly driven along these fences, rocks and over bridges. "Yes," replied the farmer, "and remember they were daubed up with paint, but for the life of me don't remember that I ever read a one of them. There are so many other things to look at and I don't believe in destroying nature in that manner. If you will send those rocks, rails and bridges to my house I will look them over some evening after I have finished reading the paper and see what you have for sale."—Ex.

KILLED.

Foreign Corporation Tax.

The senate committee of the whole by unanimous action struck from the House Revenue bill the feature proposing a tax of one-eighth of one percent, collected every ten years on the capital of foreign corporations used in the state of Kentucky.

Spanish war veterans at Honolulu have organized Camp Roosevelt.

DOWN IN THE MINES.

Secretary-Treasurer Campbell, of District 23 United Mine Workers, tells where he got the money that was spent in Hopkins county during the fourteen months ending Dec. 1st, 1901.

From the 5 per cent assessment on the union miners of District 23.....	\$ 29,838.88
From Indiana miners.....	27,600.00
From Illinois, Indiana and Alabama.....	2,631.50
From the National Board 106,320.00	
A total of.....	\$166,320.38

As before reported in The Bee, \$165,462 52-100 of this amount was spent by the Secretary-Treasurer and other mine officials and organizers.

Why don't this Secretary-Treasurer report to his members who gave him this large sum of money? How much of it was spent in riding on the railroads? How much was spent in the saloons and sporting houses of Madisonville, Henderson, Evansville, Owensboro, Louisville, Central City and other places? How much was put into houses, stores, farms, bank stock and loans by thrifty officials and organizers? How much was lost in gambling houses? How much was spent in liberal payments by checks and otherwise to thrifty spies in Madisonville and Earlington, whose reports, so highly prized by the officials of the U. M. W. of Central City, were entirely the result of imagination and without the semblance of truth? How much was spent in buying guns and pistols and ammunition with which to shoot out the "scabs," and how many of those guns and pistols were sold to buy food and shoes for the hungry victims to whom they were issued? How much was stolen by dishonest commissaries? And most important of all, just how much of this great sum of money was spent in buying food and clothing for the women and children of the men who quit work and have depended on brother U. M. W. for support?

Let him tell why the usual railroad route for officials and organizers between Central City and Madisonville was via Owensboro and Henderson, a distance of 103 miles and a cost of \$3.09, instead of via Nortonville, a distance of 36 miles and a cost of \$1.08.

A commercial traveler who added to his railroad expense in that way would be discharged at once, but officials and organizers of the U. M. W. don't care for money—it comes too easy.

Campbell, Mitchell, Wood & Co. spent \$165,462 52-100 in fourteen months in efforts to close up the mines in Hopkins, Christian and Webster counties, with the result as will be shown by the report of the Inspector of Mines of a greater output of coal than ever before; January, February and March of 1902, showing an increased output over the corresponding months of 1901, when the greatest output in the history of these counties was made. The salaries of the above officials were increased at the last convention, in recognition, probably, of their great business (?) ability.

Another cold wave this week has had the effect of keeping the coal business on a boom, and while many of the miners desired a few days rest, they are willing to wait until such time as the coal consumers will quit crying for fuel.

Rumor says that one of the chief agitators who has been following that vocation in this county, has on several occasions, while in company with several more of his pals, improved his opportunity to abuse Roy Blanks of Mortons when alone. Said abuse was taken by Blanks until it became unbearable, and so last Monday, upon a repetition of the vile language, he resented it with blows. This is another instance of the spite held by the U. M. W. against one who dares to do his duty as an officer, a position that Blanks has held for the last year or two most of the time. It was through his intercession that Gabriel Stokes a few months ago escaped with his life, at a time when several of the gang were together, and would undoubtedly have overpowered him only for the timely interference of Blanks.

Foreman J. M. Hagan, of the Hecla mine, while not boasting of the work done there, says their record shows an output of from 12,000 to 15,000 bushels of coal daily, which indicates a fine working force at that place. W. P. Jennings is now bank foreman there and those in a position to know say he is an excellent man for the place, and with the great experience he has had mining, success is assured him.

Several of the Hecla miners were called to Madisonville last week as witnesses in a case wherein one of their number, after partaking too freely of firewater, proceeded to make things unpleasant for his neighbors.

Foreman Carroll, formerly of the Barnesley and Hecla mines, has been placed in charge at the Victoria mine. His reputation as a bank foreman is a good one, and the Victoria managers are to be congratulated upon securing the services of so valuable a man.

Foreman James Fegan seems to have developed into a general overseer of all the mines on the outside. With more than a score of years' experience, there has certainly been no mistake made in the selection of such a man for the position.

At West Liberty, Ky., a stock company representing a capital of \$50,000, has lately been organized to develop oil lands.

Foreman Toombs is busily engaged putting up two cranes at Hecla to be used in the transferring of sulphur. These cranes are self acting and the invention of Mr. Toombs, who has long been regarded as quite a genius.

Machinist D. W. Umstead is long for a lull in business, so he can overhaul business now needing attention and which, on account of great rush of coal business the past few months, has been postponed.

The recent pretty weather has given a chance for the planting of a few early potatoes, peas, etc.

The four year old child of Will Daves, of the Anton country, died last week and was buried at Odd Fellow's cemetery Thursday. Deceased was a nephew of John Slaton of this vicinity.

The funeral of Samuel Bassett last week at this place, was, despite the muddy roads and inclement weather, very largely attended. The floral offerings were beautiful, the grave being literally covered with the finest flowers.

Jessie Barnhill, of near Providence, visited at John Slaton's last week. She was accompanied home Tuesday by her cousin, Agnes Barnhill.

The Sunday school supplies have been received and are ready for distribution. The school will open here the first Sunday in April.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, was true of the storms Saturday night, for it put the private telephone line of this vicinity on the Cumberland line.

There is to be a bachelor-maid sale in this vicinity in the near future which it is hoped will be a boon to the bachelors. They may purchase what they would, otherwise not have the courage to win.

MANAGER ENGLISH, OF PADUCAH,

In a Letter to Manager McGary.

Says: "We played Carpenter's 'Quo Vadis' here Monday, March 10, to a \$1,000 house and early in the season we had Whitney & Knowels' 'Quo Vadis' to a \$500 house.

"There is no comparison between the two. Carpenter's production is the best I have ever seen and our patrons were more than pleased. To say they have an excellent cast and a beautiful production is putting it mildly, and you can assure your people they never saw a better show than this one and it will please each and every one of them. You will find that all in this company are ladies and gentlemen and thorough artists, and the manager, Mr. Fitzhugh, is one of the nicest men I have ever met."

House Revenue Bill Passed.

The house bill for appropriating \$400 for the building of additional cell rooms and \$15,000 for a fire sprinkler system in the shops of the Eddyville penitentiary came up as a special object, and without discussion were passed.

Japan will send a warship to participate in the naval demonstration during King Edward's coronation as a mark of rejoicing at the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

DAMAGING FALSEHOOD REFUTED.

Shot a Dog

NEAR THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WALTON.

Stories are being circulated over the county for the evident purpose of injuring Mr. J. B. Lindley, a deputy marshal of Earlington, who, with another officer, was compelled to kill a dog near the residence of Wm. Walton, on the 11th of March.

Said Walton complained to me that men who said they were officers fired three (3) shots into his house at the time the dog was killed. Investigation proved this to be false in every particular. As Mr. Lindley still has to be tried for the Boxtown shooting, such stories are most infamous. Respectfully,

WILLIAM F. BURE,
Mayor of Earlington.

ALARMING THE YOUNG MAN.

One Way of Keeping Possible Suitors at a Distance.

It was the second time that the hero of the story had accompanied the young lady home. She asked him if he wouldn't come in. He said he would.

Sarah took his hat, told him to sit down, and left the room.

She was hardly gone before her mother came in, smiled sweetly, and, dropping down beside the young man, said:

"I always did say that if a poor but respectable young man fell in love with our Sarah, he should have my consent."

The young man started with alarm.

"She has acknowledged to me that she loves you," continued the mother, "and whatever is for her happiness is for mine."

"I—I haven't," stammered the young man.

"Oh, never mind; make no apology. I know you haven't much money, but, of course, you'll live in my house."

"I had no idea of—" he began.

"I know you hadn't, but it's all right," continued Sarah's mamma, reassuringly. "With your wages and what the boarders will bring in we shall get along as comfortably as possible."

The young man's eyes stood out like hot pegs, and he rose up and tried to say something.

"Never mind about thanks," she cried; "I don't believe in long courtships. The 20th of May is my birthday, and it would be nice for you to be married on that day."

But—but—but," he gasped.

"There, there! I don't expect any reply," she laughed. "I'll try and be a model mother-in-law. I believe I'm good-tempered and kind-hearted, though I did once follow a young man a couple of hundred miles with a broomstick for agreeing to marry my daughter and then backing out of the engagement."

She patted him on the head and sailed out.

And now the young man wants advice. He wants to know whether he had better get in the way of a locomotive or jump off the nearest bridge.—London Tid-Bits.

A Gentle Bluff.

"I shall call mamma if you attempt to kiss me," she said softly. He hesitated and grew pale.

"Mamma is out attending the sewing society," the young lady hastened to explain. Then she cast her eyes demurely down and waited.—Ohio State Journal.

LOCOMOTIVE BLASTS.

That was a cracker-jack run Jim Rierden made on the 121 last Friday night.

Some of the railroad boys are having business and visiting cards printed. Come around and look at our samples. We will take pleasure in showing them.

Engine 775 bursted a flue at Crofton one day last week and had to be towed to Earlington where she was soon fixed up for the road again.

Mr. W. H. Shaw, who has been day boiler maker at the round house has been changed to night work in M. M. Connor's place.

M. F. Wichmer, who has been employed as machinist's helper, has resigned his position and gone to St. Louis where he will work in a chair factory.

P. E. Ginninia, night caller at the round house, has been off a week on account of sickness, but is now back at work.

Ed Tanner, ex-caller at the depot, has gone to Memphis to try and secure work of some kind.

Peter Cooper made a trip on second 93 not long since and it was a record breaker. Peter says he is the right man to put on the high ball runs when fast time is to be made.

P. J. Herb, who has been on through freight for some time, is back in the coal run and is highly pleased with the change. Mr. C. T. Strange, who has been on the coal run, is now on north local and is also pleased with the change.

Frank Linthwait, who is night engine inspector, has been sick for the past few days with chills. We hope to see him out again soon.

A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., reports that the Monon Company and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern will jointly build a freight depot between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets and Main and Portland avenue.

Mr. F. J. Kimball, chairman of the board of the Norfolk & Western Railway Co., has been elected president to succeed Mr. Henry Fink, resigned. It is stated that Mr. Fink retired because of his age and his desire to withdraw from business cares. Mr. L. E. Johnson, general manager, has been elected vice-president. A dispatch from Philadelphia says that the general office of the Norfolk & Western will be removed there from New York.

It is reported that the Louisville & Nashville railroad will establish at Pensacola, Fla., a car-building plant costing about \$500,000. It is also stated that the company will build elevated coal chutes at Flomaton, with bins of \$15,000 tons capacity, and a two-story passenger station will be erected at the same point to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

Operator Lee, who has been night copyist in the dispatcher's office, is on the sick list this week.

Operator Elliott is now doing duty upstairs as copyist for the dispatchers.

Operator Grasty is holding the day job at Earlington down during the absence of Operator Elliott.

Operator Elliott did not go to Mortons as usual last Sunday.

Agent Sharp, of Sebree, went south on No. 51 Monday on a short business trip.

The business on the Henderson Division is being moved promptly and no delay to freight traffic is now occurring.

Conductor Jas. Sparrow had a nice lot of business cards printed at this office last week. Ask him for one.

The Cadiz railroad was completed Saturday and trains began running regurly this week from Cadiz to Gracey, a distance of ten miles. Work was stopped within a mile of Cadiz about a month ago and this gap was filled in last week.

Why We Go to Church.

Some folks go to church to weep. Others go to nod and sleep. Still others go to tell their woes. And the ladies go to show their clothes.

A few to listen to the preacher. And some to hear the solo screecher. The boys go to reconnoitre. The girls because they think they order.

Many go for good reflections. But precious few to help collections.

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