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That Will Make the News from the Pittsburgh Strike District More Than Interesting.

OPERATORS TO OPEN SOME MINES.

Men from Outside the District To Be Employed to Work Therein—A Move Quietly Made That May Result in Bloodshed—Hatchford Replies to the Statement of the Mine-Owners Regarding His Position on Arbitration, Etc.—Huns and Italians Striking Near Hazelton.

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—Coal operators of the Pittsburgh district have not been asleep the past few days. The impression in certain circles that there would be no attempt made to start the mines seems to have been established for a purpose and that purpose was to divert the attention of the miners' officials. It has been definitely decided to start several mines along the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The preliminaries were all completed last night and a decisive move can be expected at any time.

It was given out that the Cleveland operators had gone to their homes for the ostensible purpose of awaiting the result of the St. Louis convention. Some of them went, but others did not. Those remaining behind were members of the newly appointed committee, whose duty it is to perfect the arrangements for starting some of the mines and in the end break the strike.

Made an Alliance with the Railways.

One of the first moves was to get in touch with the railroad companies. The officials of the railroads at once agreed to co-operate with the operators in bringing about, if possible, an era of activity in the coal producing industry of the Pittsburgh district. It was made very apparent that the railroads were looking a large amount of business and that they were fellow sufferers with the coal operators. After this agreement was made the work of hiring imported labor was taken charge of by a special sub-committee. One of the principal reasons for selecting the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio is the fact that the mines along this road have been supplying coal for the locomotives of the railroad, and if coal is not furnished United States mail trains could not be run, and the wheels of the national government would be interfered with.

Says His Men Fear Violence.

Henry Flossheim is trying to get his miners to agree to go to work at the 60-cent rate and says they will do so, but that they fear personal violence. To these he has made the proposition that he will care for their families in case they are killed. Other operators who are willing to pay 60 cents do not think Flossheim can get his men to work and are not going to make any effort to start until the strike is over. Barring & McSweeney's detective agency on Fourth avenue has been hiring men for the last day or two to go and guard mines, and is said to have secured over 100. James Jones & Sons have posted notices at their Catsburg and Irvit mines to the effect that the mines would be started up at the 60-cent rate whenever the men are willing to go to work. About 500 miners are affected, and a meeting will likely be held to consider the proposition.

HATCHFORD TO THE OPERATORS.

Replies to the Statement That He Opposed a Conference on Arbitration.

Columbus, O., Aug. 28.—President Hatchford, of the United Mine Workers, yesterday issued a statement replying to the operators of the Pittsburgh district. The statement in part is as follows: "On July 4 the strike was ordered by our executive council, and for six long weeks the operators made no effort to bring it to a close, and then only by forcible methods. Their first meeting was held in Cleveland, where they determined to build stockpiles at some of their mines in Pittsburgh, to employ Pinkerton detectives and use Gatling guns, and to this end decided to bear the expense mutually of \$50,000 to carry their plans into operation. One week later they called a conference of the miners' representatives to meet them jointly and endeavor to settle the difference by arbitration. Had the operators really intended to bring about a satisfactory solution of this trouble they would have first met the miners, who are always ready to meet with them. . . .

The public is advised by them that we are opposed to arbitration; that we decline to attend a conference, and in fact that we will do nothing that is fair to end the present struggle; and further, that our organization is being supported by operators in other states, who want to continue the strike, as well as various other things calculated to

change the course of public opinion. From the beginning of this strike to the present time we have advised in favor of a conference of all the fields involved, and still invite it. We have never during that time been asked by the operators of any field to take part in a conference of any character. We have not opposed arbitration, and do not oppose it, but rather oppose the basis upon which it is offered.

First, because it is not based upon a living rate of wages as proposed by the operators; second, because it is only proposed in one of the five states involved in this suspension. State lines know no competition in the coal business. Our strike covers a great coal field, and our men employed by operators many of whom have large interests in the various states, and we take the position that if arbitration would settle this question it should be of a general character, and it must be based upon a living rate of wages." Hatchford then states the proposition made by the miners at the Pittsburgh conference. It has been substantially covered in these dispatches.

He then proceeds: "The charge that our organization has the support of other operators, and that some of them have assessed the miners to raise funds to continue the strike or to inaugurate it, is wholly unfounded. Our miners, in every state where it is found convenient, have their taxes to the organization deducted from their wages by the company who pays it over to the local treasurer. . . . This custom prevails more generally in Pennsylvania than elsewhere, so that there is no room for the Pittsburgh operators to raise objections to that which they themselves have practiced. . . . The representatives of the 150,000 miners now on strike are ready to meet their employers at any time or place that may be convenient to them—not as miners of Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana or Illinois, but as miners of a great coal field, whose interests everywhere are identical."

STRIKE LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED.

Believe in an Early Settlement with the Strikers Fixing the Terms.

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—The miners' leaders are more encouraged than ever over the prospect of an early settlement of the strike in favor of the diggers. Efforts are now being directed to the mines along the Pennsylvania railway and the central fields of Pennsylvania. District President Dolan addressed a meeting at Claridge, Westmoreland county, Thursday night, and the result was that the men decided to quit work. This means the closing of two mines of the Westmoreland Gas Coal company, the largest company of the Pennsylvania railway. President Dolan says the work will be systematically pushed and expects soon to have all the mines idle. He says six mines have been closed in the central field and that work will be suspended in the region within a short time.

Sheriff Lowry went to Bunsin yesterday morning accompanied by several deputies, and ordered the strikers off the public roads. An injunction was served on Captain Walker, who is in charge, and also on several of the men. The operators are preparing to start their mines, but it is not likely any more resumption will be made until after the St. Louis convention and Labor Day. There was a riot at the Champion mines, Robbins & Co., near McDonald, yesterday morning. The company put a lot of men on strike loading slack and a mob of 500 strikers' wives drove them away with stones and clubs and then undid what work had been done. At the same time 1,000 strikers were on the march in the neighborhood and are now camped at the mine waiting for another attempt to start the works, which will be made.

STRIKE AT SOME MORE MINES.

Hungarians and Italians Boss the Job and 2,000 Men Are Idle.

Hazelton, Pa., Aug. 28.—The expected strike at Van Wyckle's Coleraine and Beaver Meadow collieries took place yesterday morning. The Hungarians and Italians are masters of the situation, and 2,000 men are idle pending the decision of the foreign element. Thursday night the foreigners held a meeting, and at a late hour they visited the homes of the countrymen, pulled them out of bed and delivered the edict. When the officials arrived at No. 2 colliery they found the mine door closed and a placard bearing the word "Struck" placed upon it. This was the announcement of the strike.

Two hundred men marched to the canal, where they were joined by 100 more. They then went to the breaker. The houses and coal and iron police tried to stop them, but they were hustled aside and the breaker was cleared. The carpenters and blacksmiths were driven from their shops. Four hundred strikers on their way from Beaver Meadow to Milneville marched through this city shortly before noon. The distance between Beaver Meadow and Milneville is six miles. The reporter for the Associated Press talked with the leaders and it was learned that the Hungarians and Italians want to be recognized on the same basis as the English-speaking miners. The English miners, they claim, get \$1.57 per day; Hungarians \$1.50 and \$1.65; the English laborers receive \$1.50, and the Hungarians \$1.15.

When the Coleraine strikers reached Milneville last evening after passing through this city they drove the 1,000 men employed there from the strippings and breakers, shutting down the mines completely. The excitement was intense. The streets were crowded with men and women, great crowds going from this city to Milneville with the strikers. Last night a meeting was held and the Hungarians decided to stand by the Coleraine workers for an increase of wages. The English-speaking miners would go to work at once, but the foreigners are in a large majority and will not permit it.

Slight Difference of Opinion Here.

Bloomington, Ills., Aug. 28.—Of the 250 miners at Bloomington who struck five weeks ago ten returned to work yesterday. The operators say many more will work today. The strike leaders say they will induce the ten men to quit today.

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SLIGHTLY POLITICAL.

Hugh Hanna Talks of the Proposed Civilian Commission on the Currency.

MEET AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Movement Has the Indorsement of the National Administration—Suggestions Invited from All Classes of People—President McKinley and Senator Hanna at Cleveland—President Attends the Banquet of the American Bar Association.

Indianapolis, Aug. 28.—The chairman of the monetary executive committee, Hugh H. Hanna, returned to this city last evening after an absence of three weeks, during which he has traveled pretty much all over the country. At its meeting at Saratoga on Aug. 15 this committee selected a currency commission of eleven men. The commission is made up of remarkably strong men representing various sections of the country and many lines of business. Seven of the eleven appointed have accepted and the others have the matter under advisement and will be heard from in three or four days. The commission will be called together to organize and begin work at Washington about the middle of September. A number of experts will be brought before the commission and a large amount of historical information and suggestions that have been submitted to the executive committee will be turned over to it. At the same time Chairman Hanna invites suggestions from people of all classes, giving assurance that they will be presented to the commission and given the consideration. He says the movement has the support of the administration.

MAJOR MCKINLEY AT CLEVELAND.

Gets There so Early as to Spoil a Reception—At a Bar Banquet.

Cleveland, Aug. 28.—Because he arrived in this city too early yesterday President McKinley spoiled a grand reception that had been prepared for him. As a sort of compensation for the disappointment of the people it has been arranged to hold a public reception this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Hollenden hotel. The president and Senator Hanna regret that there should have been any disappointment. The latter said last evening: "I did not know that a single arrangement had been made for a reception or anything of the kind until our party had reached the house this morning."

Senator Hanna said he received several telegrams in Buffalo yesterday asking him what time the president would arrive in Cleveland, and to all of them he had replied that he did not know, for everything depended upon the weather. It was not certain the president would come by boat until he went aboard the yacht. Mr. Hanna said he discouraged a public demonstration for the very reason that it could not be definitely stated what time the president would reach Cleveland.

President McKinley was the guest of the American Bar association at its banquet last evening. The president entered the banquet hall after the speaking began. He was accompanied by Secretary Alger and Senator Hanna. He sat between the president of the associations. After the applause which greeted the president had subsided the toastmaster announced that the executive committee had reported the election to honorary membership in the association to William McKinley, of Ohio. The announcement was greeted by cheers. He made a brief speech.

WAS SMUGGLED INTO THE BILL.

Section 23 of the Tariff Act—Senator Chandler's Statement.

Boston, Aug. 28.—In a letter Senator Chandler, referring to the section of the new tariff law imposing a 10 per cent extra duty on all foreign products coming through Canada into the United States holds that the legislation was passed by writing it as new matter into a conference report, where it was adopted by both houses of congress without being noticed by more than three persons engaged in the scheme. The senator points out that the conference committee went beyond its powers when it inserted this important amendment into a clause of the law about only five words of which the senate and house had disagreed.

Continuing, Chandler says: "For myself, I regret to say that I did not notice what the conferees had done. Senator Cannon in open session asked whether they intended to do anything but settle differences between the two houses—whether they intended to put any new matter into the bill—and Senator Allison replied emphatically that of course they did not. But the provision was inserted, and as no attention was called to it in the report it was passed without being noticed. Having had experience with conference reports, which should have warned me to read every word of this report, I have no excuse to offer for not doing so. I hope to be forgiven by my constituents, but I shall never forgive myself."

National Convention of Populists.

Topock, Kan., Aug. 28.—The executive committee of the Populist state central committee has decided to delay issuing the address calling for a national convention of Populists, socialists and allied political interests until after the St. Louis meeting next Monday in the interest of the striking miners, because there is a movement on foot among some of those who will go there to call just such a gathering. The St. Louis meeting will, it is expected, be composed of people from every state and a call issued by that gathering it is stated would be more effective than a call by the Populist party of the one state.

Death of Ogden Goelck.

Cowles, Isle of Wight, Aug. 28.—Mr. Ogden Goelck, of New York, is dead. He expired on board his yacht, the Mayflower. The deceased had been ill for about two months.

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Reading, Mass., Aug. 28.—Star Pointer paced an exhibition mile in one minute and fifty-nine and a quarter seconds.

MINERS IN COMPLETE CONTROL

The Strike Situation in Hazleton, Pa.—Threaten to Resume.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 28.—All the Van Wyckle collieries at Beaver Meadow, Coleraine and Milneville are idle, and the strikers are in complete control. This morning an engine attempting to remove a big train load of cars from Milneville was prevented by the strikers.

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—The small coal operators in the Pittsburgh district, who are in the majority, are in revolt against the "big 13" or lake shippers, and threaten to put the mines in operation at the rate demanded by the miners next week, if the miners' officials will allow their men to return to work.

Instead of selling their product to the "big 13" as heretofore, they will forward to different markets themselves. Miners' President Dolan said if the small operators could show how they were going to sell coal outside of the syndicate, he would readily give his consent to their plans and resume work.

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Fadsuh, Ky., Aug. 28.—A report of a wholesale poisoning comes from Calloway county. Eight persons ate a melon stolen from a neighbor's patch. Seven are dead, and the eighth is in a critical condition.

Had Fire at Virginia, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 28.—Early this morning the entire south side of the square in Virginia, Ill., was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$200,000; insurance, \$65,000. The fire departments of Springfield and Jacksonville went to the assistance.

Storey Dead, His Wife Dying.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Arthur Storey, who, with his wife, was shot last night by Henry C. Danker, a barber, who boarded with them a number of years, and who was jealous of Mrs. Storey, died today. The woman is not expected to live through the day.

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