

Prineville Review.

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NEAR A SETTLEMENT.

Anthracite Miners' Strike May Come to an End.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—The towering feature of the coal strike situation, and the one which attracted the attention of all interests involved, was the widely circulated report that negotiations are pending and rapidly nearing completion for an amicable settlement of the strike.

While the identity of the persons or persons who are said to be at work endeavoring to bring about the immediate and peaceful adjustment of the differences between the employees and employers has not been disclosed, it was openly admitted in authoritative circles that such endeavor was in progress. President Tuesdale, of the Lackawanna, is quoted as making such admission, but in what manner or by whom they are being conducted he declined to state.

President Mitchell, of the miners' organization, expressed the belief that the operators had declined to offer the miners an increase of wages but he, too, declined to admit whether he possessed any further information on the subject.

From Scranton tonight came the statement that at a conference of coal operators of that section the opinion was prevalent that the influences at work were of a strong political nature, and that the operators would be obliged to offer the men at least the concession of an increase in wages. The information upon which the operators based their conclusion that the working influences were political could not be learned at night.

Coupled with nearly all the reports of a probably early settlement of the trouble came the announcement that the men would be offered an increase of pay, but that the mineowners would positively decline to arbitrate the differences through President Mitchell, or in any manner give recognition to the United Mineworkers. The refusal of recognition, however, would not prove a difficult obstacle to overcome, President Mitchell, in his open letter to the public, having expressed his willingness to accept a settlement through separate conferences between the men and their direct employers. If the railroad presidents and others who control the mines would accept this proposition, he said, he would waive all claim to recognition of the union. One condition he exacted, however, was that these various conferences should be held the same day and in the same city.

Affairs were quiet throughout the strike region today, and striking forces were increased by the closing of a few more mines.

CONFIRMED BY MITCHELL.

Operators Agreed to a Ten Per Cent Increase of Wages.

HAZELTON, Pa., Sep. 27.—The Associated Press tonight secured from President Mitchell the admission that he believes that the mine operators have agreed to make the striking mineworkers an offer of a 10 percent increase in wages. Further than this Mr. Mitchell declined to talk. He has been reticent all day on the subject and several times declared that he knew nothing of the rumors of the settlement of the strike.

Mr. Mitchell's admission was made while he was holding a conference with his lieutenants. Those at the conference were: National Committeeman Fred Dileher, of Ohio; W. Fairley, of Alabama; Benjamin James, of Pennsylvania; President T. D. Nicholls of the Wyoming-Lackawanna district, and President John Fisher, of the Schuylkill region. After the meeting, which lasted until midnight, President Mitchell informed the Associated Press that the meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the question of holding the men together if negotiations for a settlement should be on foot. Mr. Mitchell has not yet been officially informed of the operators' action. It is understood that the offer made by the operators does not carry with it the recognition of the union.



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