

LONG, BITTER FIGHT

Probable Sympathetic Strike of Soft Coal Miners.

FRANK SARGENT LOOKS FOR IT

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ST. LOUIS, May 28.—Frank P. Sargent, a member of the National Board of Arbitration, of which the United States is a member, is of the opinion that if the strike of the anthracite miners is not settled within the next eight or 10 days, there will probably be a general strike in the bituminous fields.

"Up to last Monday, when I left New York, both sides were standing firm, and from the conditions which I think the country will see a bitter contest. I was told by President Mitchell that the miners were never in better financial condition than now, and that they are confident of winning. For some time, the anthracite miners have had plenty of work and have been able to pay out money."

"I am of the opinion that if the strike is not settled within the next eight or 10 days, miners in the bituminous fields will be asked to go out in sympathy for bituminous miners to decide what action to take in the matter is under contemplation, but the date or place of meeting has not yet, to my knowledge, been decided on. Should a sympathetic strike be decided on, probably as many as 400,000 miners in the bituminous fields will go out."

Mr. Sargent was asked if he thought the strike would later involve the railroad men.

"No," he said. "I do not think the strike will spread among the railroad men. It is against their rules to go into a strike. Aside from the freight handlers on the coal roads affected by the present strike, I do not think any sympathy will be felt by the railroads. In the event of a strike among the bituminous miners any one can see that the effect will be disastrous, because almost every line of business will feel the result."

Attitude of Firemen and Pumpmen.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 28.—The officers of the United Mineworkers' Association, of this city, held a meeting here today, and reported to the various committees appointed to interview the engineers, firemen and pumpmen employed at the various collieries in this vicinity. The reports, it was stated, were favorable, showing very few of the firemen and pumpmen unwilling to join the striking miners next Monday, unless they were granted an eight-hour day.

Order Will Not Be Obeyed.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 28.—Three hundred pump runners, firemen and engineers employed at the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Delaware & Hudson and Ontario & Western collieries met today and voted to make a formal request on the executive officers of the United Mineworkers to withdraw the order calling them out next Monday, and the operators do not grant the eight-hour day without reduction in wages. The request was worded in such a way as to carry the implication that the order would not be obeyed.

Engineers' Brotherhood Election.

NOFOLK, Va., May 28.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Convention devoted the day entirely to the election of salaried officers. A. R. Youngson was re-elected assistant grand chief engineer, and T. S. Ingraham was re-elected chief engineer. J. H. Everett was elected third grand engineer. The terms of Grand Chief Arthur and Second Grand Engineer Salmons will not expire until two years hence.

The Denver Strike.

DENVER, May 28.—The only development in the strike situation today was an agreement reached by the members of the Master Builders' Association, which includes all the contractors and millwrights in the city, that under no condition would they treat with the Building Trades Council. The individual unions will be recognized, however.

WESTERN MINERS' CONVENTION.

Federation Votes Aid to Fernie, B. C. Sufferers.

DENVER, May 28.—Three thousand dollars was voted by the Western Federation of Miners' convention today for the aid of the families suffering from the explosion at Fernie, B. C. The convention was overwhelmed with resolutions from local unions and individual delegates bearing upon political and social matters recommended in the annual address of President Boyce. These resolutions were referred to various committees.

Weather Man Robbed.

In the temporary absence of the family, thieves entered Forest Official Edward A. Beal's house, 23 Thirteenth street, last night, and carried off \$4 in money and jewelry valued at about \$25. They began operations at the rear of the house, having no doubt watched the place until they saw that Mr. Beal and his family had gone down to bed, and they climbed upon the rear porch and entered the house through one of the second-story windows. They were fastidious and watchful thieves, for they did not take any silverware or jewelry that was marked with initials.

Homeowners' Rates Continued.

ST. PAUL, May 28.—The movement of rates to points in the Northwest and the far West is continuing in such volume that the northern lines have been obliged to continue in effect special rates, which are announced. Knowledge of this fact was brought out today by the issuance of a circular of the Great Northern announcing the rates down to the territory west of June, July, August, September and October, round-trip homeowners' tickets will be sold for the round trip to points in Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Idaho.

Indian War Veterans to Decorate.

Indian War Veterans will meet at Alder and First streets at 1:30 Decoration day. Indian War Veterans are invited to join them. Will take a special car for the cemetery at 2 P. M., sharp, from the foot of Morrison street.

Snow in New York.

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