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THE FIGURES IN THE MINERS' CASE.

Since C. F. Keeney of West Virginia has submitted to President Wilson figures derived from a report of the United States bureau of labor statistics in defense of the coal miners' strike, it is appropriate again to quote the same authorities on the same subject.

During the half-month the average hours of work per week for all classes of inside workmen were 5.3 and earnings ranged from \$34.54 for trapper boys for the half-month, to \$98.45 for the highest paid miners.

The increase in wages is shown by index numbers based on the tonnage rates paid for hand mining in the Hocking valley district of Ohio, which are used as a basis for the various districts in the United States.

Much has been said about loss of time by the miners saying that they are idle so large a percentage of the time owing to the failure of the mines to operate, that their day's wage is no true indication of their earnings.

This table shows that for hand miners the mines were in operation 47.7 per cent of the time, while in Utah 102.3 per cent in Alabama, and indicates that the percentage of possible time that they were in operation exceeded 75, although no general average is given.

It has been said that the miners get only about 180 days' work in the year. Taking 300 days as a full year's work, it appears that they have opportunity to work about 225 days, but actually work only about 75 to 80 per cent of that number of days.

The report shows that, as to wages, miners' earnings have not increased during the war in the same proportion as the earnings of other trades, according to Mr. Keeney, in the same proportion as the price of coal has risen.

These are our terms; accept them or we will strike and let the American people free. That is in substance what they would say if they are trying to do it.

MORE IMPATIENCE.

The state of Oregon is graced by the presence of an eminent party of orators, leaders of the suffrage movement, to tell the people of Oregon what to do about ratification of the constitutional amendment and the women of Oregon how to organize generally.

But, so far an instruction to the state government as to what we should do about ratification of the suffrage amendment is concerned, the mission of Mrs. Catt and her party is love's labor lost.

When the American delegation goes to the League of Nations, the first thing the state will tell them, shall we, that the state of Oregon is not a party to the League of Nations.

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THE TREATY BLOCKS LEGISLATION.

Among the many matters of legislation for which the people look to congress in order to restore normal conditions, the railroad bill is in the foreground.

Like treatment was meted out to the general staff. In his attempt to give the bill a water in Libby's hands, Mr. Baker only made a bad matter worse.

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BY-PRODUCTS OF THE PRESS.

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