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## WHY NOT RECOGNIZE THE MINERS' UNION?

Today begins the fifteenth week of the great anthracite coal strike, and there is no more sign of a settlement now than there was a month ago, says the Standard-Union. There is no serious break in the ranks of the miners, and the operators are apparently as determined as ever to make no compromise. It is computed that the strike has already cost \$30,000,000 to operators, strikers, business men and the state and county authorities, including \$4,500,000 to mines and machinery, not counting, however, the loss and inconvenience to consumers and the public generally. Yet there seems to be no disposition to resort to arbitration, no sign of a conciliatory "sweet reasonableness," but, on the contrary, a bitter and obstinate spirit on both sides. The strikers, through the officers of their organization, publicly demand higher wages, shorter hours and a uniform and equitable system of weighing, but those who know what is going on behind the scenes aver that the miners would return to work immediately if only one of their demands were conceded. On the other hand, there is good authority for the statement that the operators are willing to grant a 10 per cent increase in wages, and are, in fact, now paying that advance to the non-union workmen who continue in their employ, but they will not recognize the miners' union.

It would seem, therefore, that the struggle, so long, costly, and ruinous, has substantially narrowed down to the recognition of the union. If that be so, the position of the mine owners and operators is clearly untenable. What good reason can there be for not recognizing obvious truth? The miners' union is a demonstrated fact—as much as anything else in existence. As Senator Hanna says, "labor unions have come to stay." They are as much an economical necessity as combinations of capital, and are entitled to recognition as such. A labor trust is no worse, and perhaps no better, than a coal trust, or a steel trust.

of a beef trust. How can any one of these great organizations consistently refuse to recognize another, as lawful, just and necessary as itself? The miners' union has proved its power and its right to existence by keeping itself practically intact during this crucial struggle, by effectually tying up the whole anthracite region, by refusing to extend the strike into the bituminous regions because of existing contracts, and by collecting enough money to keep alive 250,000 men, women and children for over three months, despite a loss of over \$22,000,000 in wages. Then, why not acknowledge so great and palpable a fact? What sense or justice is there in this ostrich-like policy of declining to see what every one else sees, that is as patent as the noon-day sun and just as real? It is not a question of the union running the operators' business. The union can be recognized by a definite agreement, precisely defining all the material points, embodied in a written contract, just as has been done in the past and done in thousands of other cases without yielding an iota of control. It is simply absurd—unless it is designed to hide the real object—to proclaim that a great union of workmen shall not be recognized. Labor has rights as well as capital, and labor unions are recognized by law and by the courts. Even if the operators succeed in breaking up the existing miners' union, and the men should return to work as "individuals," every one knows that another union would be formed within six months. From a mere physical and economical point of view, organization is as necessary on one side as on the other. Great corporations can only deal with tens of thousands of employees through agents and committees, and indirectly, if not directly, unions must be recognized. But why not do it manfully and openly? If the mine owners are prepared to concede an advance in wages—to give their employees a share of the higher prices and enlarged profits the industry brings—why, in the name of common sense, balk at recognition of what plainly is and will continue to be? Nothing can be permanently gained and nothing worth while can be lost by acknowledging the truth.

There can be no better instruction for the people of this country than to compare the words of General Jacob H. Smith with those of his detractors. For the latter, no abuse has been too foul. The former, court-martialed and retired after performing a difficult and unwelcome task, says simply: "To take criticism is part of a soldier's training. My sword is still at the command of my country and subject to the order of the commander-in-chief."

A Portland woman seeks to be divorced from her husband because he prays one moment and swears the next. Portland is certainly undergoing a thorough reform.

## The Fad

Of the modern woman is health by exercise. It's an excellent fad, provided that it is always remembered that exercise cannot cure womanly diseases. Indeed, where such diseases exist exercise is apt to aggravate the condition rather than to help it.

The first step toward establishing the general health is to establish the local womanly health. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures womanly diseases which undermine the general health. It establishes regularity, dries enfeebling drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

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A. B. Bass, of Morganfield, Ind., had to get up ten or twelve times in the night and had severe backache and pains in the kidneys. Was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure.—For sale by Frank Hart, druggist.

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