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170 THOUSAND MINE WORKERS ASK INCREASE

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Demands for a 60 per cent increase in wages for contract miners, \$2.00 a day raise for day men, and a six-hour day and five-day week for men paid by the day or month, will be presented to the anthracite coal operators in New York on March 9, by

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the union representatives of the hard coal diggers. These demands were formulated at a convention of the anthracite miners in Wilkes-Barre, last August and ratified by the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America in Cleveland in September.

The conference of operators and mine workers next month will endeavor to negotiate a new agreement to take the place of the contract now in force.

The present general wage agreement covering the anthracite industry was entered into in May, 1916, for four years ending March 31 this year. Because of war conditions, wages have been since readjusted by supplemental agreements between the miners and operators.

About 170,000 mine workers will be affected by the new contract to be negotiated. The miners' scale committee which will meet the operators will be composed of the officers and executive board members of the 3 districts comprising the anthracite fields, the three international board members in the hard coal regions and three mine workers from each district. No announcement has been made as to the number of men who will represent the coal mine owners. It is expected, however, that after the demands are formally presented and views are exchanged between the two sides, a small sub-committee will be named to carry on the actual negotiations.

When in formal form the agreement will be presented to the full committee for adoption. In the case of the miners, the agreement will have to go back to a convention of the mine workers for ratification.

Whether the mine workers will remain at work, if an agreement is not reached by March 31, will depend largely, it is said, on how strenuously the operators oppose the demands. No opinion has thus far been given by either side as to the outcome of the negotiations. The opinion was expressed, however, that the negotiations probably would not be taken up seriously until the bituminous wage scale has been agreed upon.

The demands of the mine workers are as follows:

"That the next contract be for a period of not exceeding two years and that the making of individual agreements and contracts in the mining of coal shall be prosecuted.

"The contract wage scales be increased 60 per cent, and that the increases secured in the supplemental agreements of 1917 and 1918 shall be included in the wage scale as the basis upon which the 60 per cent shall be added and that all day men

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be granted an increase of \$2.00 per day.

"A uniform wage scale be established so that the various occupations of like character at several collieries shall command the same wage and that shovel crews operating for coal companies shall be paid not less than the rates paid by the contractors to shovel men.

"A work day of not more than six hours from bank to bank be established for all classes of inside and outside day labor, five days per week, the uniform sales to be the basis upon which the advance above demanded shall apply with time and half time for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays.

"A closed shop contract, which means full recognition of the United Mine Workers of America as a party to the agreement.

"All dead work shall be paid for on the consideration basis existing at the colliery and that where more than one miner is employed they shall receive the same rate.

"Payment for all sheet iron, props, timber, forepolling and cribbing where mines are prevented from working on account of lack of supplies, that they be accorded the opportunity of making a shift at some other work.

"In the settlement of grievances the aggrieved parties shall have the right to demand settlement upon a basis of equity and when such equity settlement is requested the condition of 1902 shall not enter into or prejudice the case.

"A uniform rate of seventeen cents per inch be paid for all refuse in all kinds of mining up to ten feet wide.

"Wherever practicable coal shall be paid for on the legal ton basis and that dockage shall be eliminated.

"That all reel motors, one motor man and two brakemen be employed and that all other motors and engine assistants or patchers be employed and that when motormen or engineers are repairing their motors or engines, that their assistants shall be employed to help in the work.

"For all tools lost thru no fault of employees as result of squeezes, water or fire, the men to be compensated for such losses.

"Where contract miners are employed doing company work, the company shall supply them with the necessary tools and failing to do so, shall compensate the miners by paying each miner not less than one extra hour per day for the use of such tools and that the company shall supply to all company men the necessary tools free of charge.

"Where contract miners encounter abnormal conditions in their working places they shall have the privilege of going on consideration work. A definition of consideration work shall be written into the agreement.

"The supplemental agreement which terminates with the declaration of peace shall be continued until the expiration of the contract and our officers be instructed to immediately notify the representatives of the operators of this decision.

"Check-weighmen and check-docking bosses be permitted to serve as members of mine committees."

INFLUENZA CLAIMS HEAVY TOLL IN CHINA

WEIHSIEN, Shantung Province, China, Feb. 1.—(By Mail.)—Influenza, which has reappeared in this district, is much more severe than it was last year. Pneumonia sets in early and death ensues after two or three days. Chinese say the epidemic has caused far more deaths in a few weeks than did the epidemic of cholera which continued through the whole summer.

A Herald Want Ad will sell it.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County.

In the matter of the Organization of the Patterson Irrigation District.

Whereas, under the provisions of Chapter 357, General Laws of Oregon for 1917, said County Court made and entered an order designating and establishing Patterson Irrigation District with the following boundaries, to-wit:

Beginning at a point representing the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter (SE 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29) in Township Forty (40), South of Range Eleven (11), East of the Willamette Meridian, Klamath County, Oregon, thence east on said subdivision line one and one-half miles to the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 28, in said township and range; thence south forty chains, thence east twenty chains, thence south twenty chains to the quarter corner on the section line between Sections 33 and 34, said township and range; thence east twenty chains, thence south sixty chains, more or less, to the southeast corner of lot numbered four, of Section three, in Township 41, south of Range Eleven (11), E. W. M., in Klamath County, Oregon; thence west twenty chains, to the section line between Sections 3 and 4, said township and range; thence south to, at or near the southeast corner of Section 4 in said township and range, where said line intersects the north line of the right-of-way of what is known as the Adams Canal. Thence northerly and westerly along the north boundary of the said Adams Canal to a point twenty chains west of the east line of Section 5, in said township and range; thence north to the north boundary of said township; thence west twenty chains, to the quarter corner on the township line between said townships 40 and 41, said range number 11 E. W. M.; thence north through Section 32, Township 40, South of Range 11 East, distant sixty chains; thence west twenty chains; thence north forty chains to place of beginning.

Now, therefore, for the purpose of determining whether or not such district shall be organized under the provisions of said act, an election will be held at the Town Hall, Town of Merrill, in said district, in said county and state, on the 1st day of April, 1920, which election will be held at eight o'clock in the morning, and will continue until seven o'clock in the evening of said day, at which time the qualified electors therein shall cast ballots which contain these words, to-wit:

Irrigation District..... Yes
Irrigation District..... No
or words equivalent thereto.

There shall also be elected at such time and place three directors for said district, whose term of office shall expire in one, two and three years respectively, from the first Tuesday in February next succeeding their election. The nominations of candidates for said offices may be made by petition, signed by at least ten of the electors in said proposed district qualified to vote for the officers so nominated, or at an assembly of not less than twenty-five of said electors, which said nominations by petition or by assembly shall be filed with the undersigned at least ten days next preceding the date of said election.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, March 1st, 1920.
C. R. DELAP, County Clerk.
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Camps in this vicinity have been furnished this year with shower

baths, sheets are issued to the workmen regularly, and one company is installing a steam laundry as an adjunct to its camp.

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