

A REVIEW OF 1902

The Most Important Happenings in All Departments of the World's Activity Briefly Noted.

THE COAL STRIKE.

Mar. 18—Hard coal miners begin convention at Shamokin, Pa., to force recognition of union.
May 9—United Mine Workers' executive committee orders big strike involving 147,000 men in anthracite coal region.
Dec. 12—Strike begins, closing 250 collieries in Pa.'s anthracite fields.

Jun. 22—President Mitchell issues a public appeal for arbitration.
Jul. 8—American Federation of Labor offers financial aid to miners, adding as strike lasts.
Oct. 1—Gen. Taft invites operators and Pres. Mitchell to discuss the strike.
Oct. 15—Mine workers end strike.
Oct. 17—White house conference Mitchell's offer to accept arbitration by Pres. Roosevelt rejected by operators, who demand troops to enable reopening of mines.
Gov. Stone (Pa.) orders out entire military force for service in anthracite coal region.
Mitchell refuses Pres. Roosevelt's request to end strike on promise that a national commission would investigate miners' grievances immediately.
Mar. 14—John W. Youl, between Gov. Odell, U. S. Senators Platt, Quay and Pennington, operators refuse to concede a cent, tax advance and recognition of union.
J. P. Morgan proposes to Pres. Roosevelt on behalf of operators to submit differences to arbitration commission to be set up by Pres. Roosevelt.
Dec. 12—Strike ends. President Roosevelt names arbitration commission: Brig. Gen. J. M. Wilson, Judge Gen. Gray, K. E. Clark, Lt. Col. John L. Spalding, Thos. H. Watkins and Carroll D. Wright.
Miners convention at Wilkesbarre, Pa., unanimously voted to end strike.
Miners' organizations with Judge Gray chairman.
Nov. 5—Commission ends inspection of mines, having examined 7 of them.
Dec. 1—Commissioners report to miners and reiterate that there will be no recognition of United Mine Workers of America.
Dec. 10—Strike agreement outside of arbitration commission blocked by independent operators.
Dec. 3—Commission resumes investigation after 10 days recess to allow disputants to get together.

OTHER INDUSTRIAL EVENTS.

Jan. 24—Pres. Mitchell, of United Mine Workers of America, rejected...One supreme court decision in "blacklist" case at coal breaker plant, and discharge men cannot be sued now, and that his motives cannot be considered.

Feb. 1—Miners' delegates at Indianapolis, Indiana, already in force in bituminous fields.

Mar. 4—Mine combine of transatlantic steamship lines formed to suppress coal strike in New York.

Mar. 10—Mine law proclaimed in New York to suppress rioting in connection with street railway strike.

Mar. 15—Attorney General Knox institutes proceedings against coal dealers illegal northward in railroads and to dissuade Northern Securities Co.

Apr. 2—At Dubuque, Ia., 10,000 bituminous coal miners strike.

Apr. 20—In women mills in Mass. and other states paralyze wool market.

May 1—Firemen and dockhands of great lakes strike.

May 1—International association in session at Wheeling, W. Va., reelects Theodore Straffer president and supreme court of 3-cent-rate law invalid.

Dec. 1—Miners' strike against coal granted by U. S. court in Chicago preventing operations under alleged trust agreement.

Jan. 1—Strike of Chicago packing houses and department store drivers compromised after several serious riots....Chicago packers enjoined from doing business in New York state in violation of antitrust law.

Jan. 1—Strike of Allis-Chalmers employees, which had lasted a year, settled.

Mar. 1—Troops guard silk mills at Paterson, N. J., to prevent strike.

Mar. 2—Troops ordered out at Toronto, Ont., to prevent rioting by striking street car men.

Mar. 1—International Order of Machinists serve notice on 5 western railroads to pay union scale and observe 8-hour day.

Dec. 1—In Chicago, 9,000 teamsters sympathetic with 3,000 striking freight handlers out on strike.

Apr. 1—Several funerals turned back from a Chicago cemetery on account of strike of grave diggers for more pay for higher wage.

Dec. 1—International Typographical Union in session at Cincinnati makes maximum working hours per week 45. Golden Jubilee of the organization celebrated.

Jan. 1—Labor day generally observed in American cities.

Jan. 1—Second of seven censuses of Senators Tillman and McLaurin passed by U. S. Senate.

Mar. 8—Pres. signs Philippine tariff bill.

Mar. 10—General Tummaruk strike in Turkey refuses to recognize U. S. \$72,500 amount of Milas Stone's ransom.

Mar. 24—Hawaii court sentences Neely, Rathbone and Reeves to 10 years' imprisonment and heavy fine for frauds in 1898.

Mar. 25—Bremen sailors strike from 12-hour shifts to 8-hour schedule.

Mar. 26—U. S. Packing Co. (understood to be the beef combine) incorporated at Trenton, N. J.

Mar. 27—New Orleans' Comptrollers, at New Orleans convention of Am. Federation of Labor, exonerated of charges of indecency to trades union principles.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

Jan. 10—Cleveland, O., Euclid Trust & Savings Co., \$1,500,000.

Jan. 11—Pittsburgh, Pa., People's bank, \$173,000.

Jan. 12—Chicago, Geo. H. Phillips, "corn king," \$1,500,000.

Jan. 13—Albany, Ga., Commercial bank, \$123,000.

Jan. 14—Bellwood, Neb., Platte Valley state bank, \$100,000.

Feb. 10—Detroit, Mich., City savings bank, account of shortage of Vice President Frank C. Andrews.

Mar. 1—Belmont, (O.) national bank.

Mar. 1—Burnett, Tex., private bank of W. H. Walker, \$100,000.

Mar. 3—Baltimore, Md., State bank, \$100,000.

Mar. 10—American, (O.) People's bank, \$20,000.

Apr. 1—St. Paul, U. S. Saving & Loan Co., \$100,000.

Apr. 1—Algonac (Mich.) Banking Co.'s bank, \$120,000.

Jun. 3—Chicago, John A. & Alexander Davidson, marble contractors, \$1,500,000.

Dec. 1—Sparta, (I. C.) Express Co., placed in receivership, \$400,000.

Mar. 20—Murdock, Neb., German state bank, \$37,000.

Jul. 8—New York city, M. P. Anderson, real estate operator, \$1,035,000.

Aug. 15—Elgin, Ill., Ohadiam Sand & Butter corporation, \$46,000.

Aug. 20—Philadelphia, Pa., Reduction Co., boom Texas oil, \$50,000.

Aug. 26—Etna (Ind.) bank, \$10,000.

Sep. 2—New York, American bicycle trust, \$100,000.

Oct. 1—Trenton, N. J., National Salt Co. ("salt trust"), \$500,000.

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