

UNEMPLOYMENT IS DECREASING

Condition Improving All Over Midwest, Says Chicago Man.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Unemployment is decreasing, according to a survey of the principal industrial areas by the New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia reported more men at work and prospects still more would get jobs in the near future.

J. J. Boyd of the Illinois employment bureau said unemployment decreased 50 per cent in Chicago during March.

"The situation is all along the mid-West is improving," he said. "There has been an unusual demand for freight car builders, always a barometer of employment conditions."

Dr. Ben Reitman, employment expert of the city health department, backed Boyd's statement, saying there had been a "remarkable decrease" in unemployment.

Birmingham and Atlanta, principal industrial cities in the South, reported a gradual increase in the number of jobs.

The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce reported it had sent a questionnaire to cities throughout the East. The answers showed a recent increase of about 50 per cent in employment.

UNION HEADS SEE VICTORY IN WAGE OFFER

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reports of serious attempts at violence in the nation-wide strike.

An union headquarters continuance of work by miners in certain States was explained in this fashion:

Union officials are not opposed to the continuance of work by negro miners in Alabama who had long been idle because of difficulties in that field.

They are not opposed to union men working in West Virginia, the storm zone of unionism.

Tennessee miners are considered automatically removed from the union by their action in continuing work, because, it was explained, the United Mine Workers are not a party to the contract in force there.

Western Kentucky miners are authorized to continue work because of an overlapping contract there which has a year to run.

CONGRESS COLD ON LEWIS IDEA

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The recommendation of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, that the government make out a new wage scale and extend them to the interest of the public as the only possible cure for the ills with which the industry is affected, left Congress cold.

Even the most ardent advocate of government ownership entertains no hope that such a program could be put through, although many members of Congress are convinced that sooner or later, as Lewis said, some remedy will have to be found.

Indications increased today that the coal strike is to be a long drawn out controversy. Testimony from both sides, as developed by congressional investigators, is that the miners will not enter into any country-wide wage agreement, and as for the miners, the testimony has been equally positive that they will not make any State or local agreements, and will agree to settlement only on a nation-wide basis.

The positiveness and apparent determination on both sides left Congress in a quandary, and a committee of a quondam day, although they pursued their inquiry into conditions leading up to the controversy. President Lewis again was the chief witness.

A pet plan of some members of Congress was emphatically rejected by the miners' chief. This scheme contemplated the creation of a government agency which would authority to fix wages and regulate working conditions—a sort of permanent peace and arbitration body.

"It will not do," said President Lewis. "The miners are not favorable to the creation of any governmental tribunal empowered to fix wages and regulate working hours. The very theory is repugnant to them."

President Lewis will leave the capital late today for New York, following his appearance before the House labor committee.

BREAK IN RANKS OF OPERATORS

SCRANTON, Pa., April 4.—A break in the ranks of anthracite operators occurred today when the Grove Coal Company of Peckville, near here, offered to grant the miners demands for twenty per cent advance in wages.

The company is a small independent concern and not affiliated with the Anthracite Operators Association.

It was said today small mining companies in the local field are contemplating action of the same nature.

DENY DRIVING 100 MINERS OUT

BECKLEY, W. Va., April 4.—Investigations of reports that 100 union miners have been driven out of Stotesbury, W. Va., were begun today by district United Mine Workers officials and county officers.

The reports received by John Gathern, union secretary of the district, were that the opposition had been aroused because an organization of miners was effected last week.

C. R. Staple of the E. E. White Coal Company, which operates the collieries at Stotesbury, today made vigorous denial of the report.

BORAH SEES MINE SEIZURE

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Mine owners of the United States are inviting the public to take their mines away from them, when they refuse to abide by their contract and confer with miners regarding wage and working agreements, Senator Borah, Idaho, said in a speech in the Senate today.

"It has been said the Government is helpless in this strike situation," Borah declared.

"It will no long remain helpless, for the interest of the public must be maintained."

WAGON MINES QUESTION UP

BRAZIL, Ind., April 4.—Whether small wagon mines, in the Brazil black coal field, shall be allowed to continue operation during the national strike, is to be determined at a conference of union officials and owners of the mines on Monday. The district executive board decided against the policy of permitting operation of such mines, but agreed to the later conference, at which it is expected the owners will be permitted to deliver fuel to domestic consumers, but will be barred from supplying industries with coal.

CUT FROM \$7.50 TO \$3.60 PER DAY

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—Coal operators of the Southwest today had expressed a willingness to enter into negotiations with United Mine Workers for establishment of a new wage scale and

BURBANK'S BETTER GARDEN TIPS DELICATE FLOWERS

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By LUTHER BURBANK.

World's Greatest Scientific Agriculturalist.

If a more elaborate assortment of flowers than that already spoken of is desired, the gladioli should be given a prominent place.

It is hard to find a flower more profuse in worth-while blossoms, and they are to be had in an almost endless variety of color and form.

Gladioli will grow in almost any soil, but the earth containing sand is seen to be best. The bulb should be well spaced to the depth of about a foot. If bulbs are used, do not use fresh manure. This often tends to produce disease in the bulb. Five or six inches below the surface is a proper depth for planting, although where the soil is particularly

sandy it is well to plant even an inch deeper. Selection of an open spot where the sun strikes is important. Also water plentifully before the plants begin to grow. In case the flowers have at least four full leaves on the bulb.

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