

MINER'S HOME DYNAMITED IN STRIKE FIELD

Bosses' Scheme to Pin Job on Strikers

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 15.—A house of a union coal miner was dynamited at 9:30 in the evening at Westland. The house is owned by the coal company and was occupied by John Gillis a Scotch miner, one of the strikers on strike at the Midland mine, who had lived in that district for 22 years and for the past six years had resided in the house which was wrecked.

Bosses' Agents Cook Up Story.

The miners in the Midland mine have been on strike for the past two months. The company that owns the mine is the Pittsburgh Coal Co., who has tried to operate the mine on the 1917 scale. A score of detectives and deputies were brought on the scene, and each and every one of them is making discoveries and getting clues which always seem to point to union miners. The company is cleverly playing up the outrage against the union miner and is trying to get the miners to go to work. All the miners are of the opinion that it was nothing but a frame-up by the coal company to scare the fellows into starting to come back to work.

The company has issued a statement for propaganda purposes to fool the miners and the local papers are playing it up big. The statement says, "In view of the disturbance in Library and Westland, three facts stand forth as significant of the miner of the company. The number of miners at work this morning is greater than yesterday. The total number of miners working in the mines of the Pittsburgh Coal company in the Pittsburgh district, is greater today than at any time since the company resumed operations under the 1917 scale and the amount of coal brought from the mines and loaded in railroad cars was the largest since the mines have been reopened. The company regrets greatly the trouble at Library and the dynamiting of a house at Midland mine last night, but is pleased to know that the occupants of the house, a union mine worker and his family, were uninjured. This man, tho he had declined to work on resumption of operations, had been permitted to continue to occupy his home. The company volunteered to shelter the family, including the children, last night."

Don't Fool Miners.

The miners are not so easily fooled, that the company has become so good that it is going to take care of the union miner and his family, after the blow-up. They know it is only a scheme to get the miners back to work.

The miners are sticking solid. The coal company is trying to import strikebreakers and to a certain extent is succeeding. Pat Fagan and his bunch are issuing statements, which is about all they are doing. The miners are more determined than ever to fight and are willing to go out on the picket line, only the union officials will not permit them. The union officials tell the miners to sit quiet and do nothing.

There is a sentiment among the miners that are out on strike and among those that are working, for action, that is for a general strike.

The coal companies are also trying to play up race-hatred among the workers and among the black and white.