

CLASS WAR RAGES IN PA. MINES

Union and Non-Union Miners Fight Cut

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 12. — A call will be issued for a general strike of all miners in the coke region on Monday, Nov. 16. Meetings will be held in all important sections of the region where the coke that fires the steel mills of Pittsburgh is furnished by miners now unorganized.

At Marianna in the unionized field 600 coal miners are out on strike against the 1917 scale. Here the company has built iron fences around the mines. Armed guards are held in reserve. Searchlights from the roofs and mine tipples send their glares thru the night and search every road and open space.

Try to Shoot Pickets

An attempt to open the mines with scabs last night failed. Shots were fired by deputies at pickets but there were no casualties. Seven miners, including all the local union officials were evicted from company houses. The entire city looks like an armed camp under martial law.

Up in the coke region, where the non-union miners also are striking the strike is spreading slow but sure around Republic. There a huge and enthusiastic meeting of strikers was addressed by George Papcun, A. Jakira, Tom Ray, L. Jutic and others. Numerous pickets are on the job. Sixty pickets watching Tarhill Mine No. 1. The company is quite disturbed.

State police are searching for strike leaders and arrests are expected. The four pickets arrested the other day were fined and released. The International Labor Defense helped by paying the fines. Here, too, armed deputies are guarding the mines.

Strikers have received orders to vacate the company houses, but these orders are ignored. The strikers are

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demanding the removal of the host of armed guards.

At the hall where Papcun was speaking the state police searched the assembly, but Papcun was gone. At the big meeting last night where Tom Ray and Papcun spoke, the sheriff and state police issued a proclamation prohibiting picketing and marching.

Papcun in his speech called on the striking miners to defy the proclamation and the injunctions. This met with the hearty approval of the strikers.

The Royal mine was picketed today. Various pickets were held up with guns, strikers were shot at and gas bombs thrown among the pickets.

The companies are getting desperate. Tom Ray and Papcun are leading the picket lines. Big mass meetings are to be held all over the coke region on Sunday.