

DYNAMITE SCARE USED TO SMASH MINERS' STRIKE

Coal Company Frames Up Union Workers

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 30—As usual the coal operators are using the "Dynamite Scare" to prejudice the public against the strike of the coal miners against the 1917 scale. This is some of the bunk that is being peddled by the capitalist press of Pittsburgh.

Capitalist Press Bunk.

"Terrorizing hundreds of miners and their families a dynamite explosion rocked the entire section in the vicinity of the Montour Mine 10 of the Pittsburgh Coal Company near Liberty early today shattering windows and throwing debris for hundreds of feet. R. O. Van Sickle, a miner, who has been working in the mine since operations were resumed was arrested shortly after the explosion and will be given a hearing.

"Van Sickle in a signed confession according to Major J. G. Search of the Pittsburgh Coal Company's police, admitted the dynamiting, declaring that he was ordered to place ten sticks of the explosives beneath the home of Jess Boyer, a Negro, by five men who threatened him with death if he disobeyed.

"Van Sickle placed the dynamite under a tree 50 feet from the home, according to Capt. J. McGuire and Corp. Andrew Bandish, of the police, where it was exploded, throwing the entire community into an uproar."

Company Frame-Up.

It is seen how ridiculous a news item of this kind sounds. It does not say so but it actually tries to blame the explosion on the strikers who are on strike against the 1917 scale that this company has tried to jam down the throats of the coaldiggers after breaking the Jacksonville agreement. This is not the only explosion that has taken place around here, all of which seem to be pure and simple frame-ups.

This is the type of bunk peddled by the capitalist press which reaches hundreds of thousands of coal miners and other workers thruout the coal region in Western Pennsylvania and the steel district. This is the way that the capitalist papers are attempting to break the strike after the coal barons failed to break the morale of the workers thru sluggings and the importing of scabs from the outside.