

PLANS FOR A GENERAL OPENING OF COLLIERIES

Preparations for Resumption in Nearly Twenty Mines at Once.

Work Already Begun at Sixteen Points
Produces Nearly 8,000
Tons Daily.

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WILKESBARRE, Penn., Aug. 27.—Operations were resumed to-day at the Dorrance mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in this city, and the Cranberry mine of A. Pardee & Co., near Hazleton. The No. 40 and the Maltby of the Lehigh Valley and the Avondale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western started to ship coal on Monday.

The efforts of the operators will now be directed toward the resumption of work throughout the region, they believing that the time is ripe for getting a number of the strikers to return and thinking that there is less fear of violence and interference now than at any time since the strike commenced. The reports of the operators are that a large number of men will return to work if they are sure the resumption is to be permanent and that the company, once started, can keep them at work. This the operators are certain they can do, as their present forces are increasing daily and there are present indications that, following the firm stand taken by the coal Presidents and the refusal of Morgan to interfere, the desire of the strikers to get their old places will increase. The operators are confident that a resumption of work will be general within a few weeks and that the strike will in this manner gradually disintegrate.

Preparations are now under way to resume work within a few days at the Mount Pleasant and the West Ridge collieries of the Ontario and Western, the No. 6 and the No. 8 of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Pittston, two of the Erie mines in the same district, the Pettebone and the Woodward of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; the Prospect and the Franklin of the Lehigh Valley, the Lance of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre; the No. 2 and the Pine Ridge of the Delaware and Hudson, and the Drifton of the Coxe Brothers & Co. and several of the Philadelphia and Reading mines in the Schuylkill district.

Following are the mines which are to-day working, cutting coal in the mine, running it through the breaker and shipping to market with the estimated daily shipment of each:

	Tons Daily.
Cayuga—Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company	200
Dodge—Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company	250
Avondale—Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company	150
Storrs—Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company	150
Vanstorch—Delaware and Hudson.....	100
Dickson—Delaware and Hudson.....	250
No. 40—Lehigh Valley Coal Company.....	100
Maltby—Lehigh Valley Coal Company.....	100
Dorrance—Lehigh Valley Company.....	100
Oxford—People's Coal Company.....	350
Cranberry—A. Pardee & Co.....	100
No. 4—Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company	150
Brookside—Philadelphia and Reading.....	150
No. 7—Susquehanna Coal Company.....	300

Total.....2,450

In addition to these collieries there are the Hutchins and Dusky Diamond, small places producing between 25 and 50 tons, and some 18 washeries with an average output of 300 tons each a day. Altogether the daily production is nearly 8,000 tons.

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