

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Sept. 28.—The coal operators of the Wyoming and Lackawanna regions will make strenuous efforts to resume operations at some of their mines during the coming week. The programme is to concentrate what men they have in their employ at one or two points, then, if the strikers interfere, the militia will be called upon to give the workmen protection.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, it is said, will start up their Woodward colliery on Tuesday with a force of 600 men. The Superintendents of the company say they have received many applications from old and experienced mine employes within the last few days, and that they are now ready to go to work.

The Dorrance Mine may also be put in operation to-morrow. Eighty men are now employed there, and it is said the company has received applications from 100 more. At the office of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company applicants for work are reported to be registering in large numbers. The Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company also claim to have enough men to start up a good-sized mine, but it is said no effort will be made to mine coal until the latter part of the week.

At strike headquarters the officials in charge during President Mitchell's absence say there will be no change in the situation and that the coal companies will not be able to get any more men to go to work the coming week than they have in the past. All the strikers are reported to be standing firm.

James Sweeney, a non-union miner, employed at the Bliss Mine, Nanticoke, shot and killed Joseph Ellis, a Lithuanian today. It is reported that Ellis and a number of other strikers approached the stockade, when an altercation ensued. Some one threatened to shoot Sweeney, when the latter pulled his gun and fired. Sweeney gave himself up to the authorities. Sweeney's brother, Daniel J. Sweeney, was killed by strikers in Nanticoke two months ago.

The situation at Exeterborough is regarded as critical, and officials of the Lehigh Valley Company have appealed to Gen. Gobin for troops at the Exeter Colliery, the scene of the disorder on Tuesday and last evening. It is alleged that secret meetings have been held by the foreign element and depredations planned.

David Owens, son of District Superintendent W. N. Owens of the Lehigh Valley Company, has been compelled to transfer his residence from Exeterborough to West Pittston because of attacks made on his home and family by strikers.

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