

ployment. If this is so, why do not the operators go on and mine and ship coal and relieve the anthracite famine which is disastrously affecting the industries of the country? If the object of the operators is to break up the existing union, which seems apparent. no surer or more expeditious way of doing so could be devised than resum ing coal mining with such of its members as are desirous of breaking away from the organization.

If, on the other hand, the talk about disaffection among the miners and their eagerness to desert the strike and return to work is unfounded and the operators cannot resume work until the union permits, the sooner they accept the proposition to arbitrate the better for themselves.

nearly two months, certainly long enough for a test of strength, and there is no prospect of the union receding from the position it has taken. while it is not improbable that the strike will extend to the bituminous fields after the general conference appointed to be held in Indianapolis on July 17. Meanwhile the public interests suffer. It is clearly the duty of the operators to mine coal if they can or arbitrate if they cannot. If they persist in refusing to do either, the legislature of Pennsylvania would be warranted in dissolving the coal companies for nonuser of their charter powers,

Naturally the Italian embassador at Washington is angry over the publication of the report of the proceedings of the naval court of inquiry into the Venetian incident, which is a rather serious reflection upon Italian justice Otherwise he would not be standing up for the dignity of his government. All embassadors are expected to as sume an indignant air under such cir cumstances. That is what embassadors are for, and it is their chief occupation. However, the affair is not likely to cause any considerable break in the amicable relations between this country and Italy.

An Indiana youth who stationed him self under the window of his sweet heart, and warbled "Good Morning Carrie," was shot by an indignant citisen. This would seem to be a case of justifiable homicide.

In establishing a community kitchen the good women of Kenesia, Wis, have obviated the meansky of leaning s the back fence for the exchange of the and talk.

