

MINERS' UNION OFFICIALS USE POLICE IN PA.

Cops Sent to Break Up Howat Meeting

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PITTSBURGH, Penn., Nov. 26.—Police under influence of district and sub-district officials of the miners' union of District Five stopped a mass meeting arranged for Alex Howat by the Brophy For President committee at Ukrainian Hall, New Kensington on Wednesday.

Police officers openly boasted that the police acted on orders from union officials who threatened a riot if the meeting was allowed to go on. Several hundred miners who gathered from all parts of subdistrict seven to hear the veteran of the miners' union were bitterly aroused against this action of their district officials and decided to hold the meeting despite the police. More than 300 proceeded to Harmarville, a mining town eight miles away, and packed Miners' Hall where Howat was given a most enthusiastic reception.

Cheer Brophy.

Mention of Brophy's name caused prolonged cheers. For three hours Howat, in stirring speech, explained why Lewis must go and Brophy be elected if the union is to be saved.

Two weeks ago the district officials thru trickery succeeded in taking possession of a hall in New Kensington previously rented by the Brophy For President committee but were compelled the rank and file to grant Powers Hapgood the floor for nearly two hours.

Big Meet Tuesday.

On Tuesday Nov. 23, Howat addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of miners in Turner Hall, Charleroi. Miners came from all over the district, mostly on special trucks, traveling in some cases for more than two hours to greet Howat.

Here also the district officials tried to stop the meeting but were unable to induce the town burgess to do it.

Threaten Men.

Attempts were also made to intimidate the men from coming to Howat's meetings under threat of being discharged from the job. But despite all this Turner Hall was crowded to the doors, the crowds enthusiastically cheering the speaker and pledging support to Brophy.