

WOMEN ASSIST IN MINE RELIEF

Form Organization In Many Cities

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 5.—The miners' wives who are appealing so anxiously to the American working class have not waited passively for help to come from the outside. On the contrary, the organized miners' wives have been extremely active in relief work. While they cannot even begin to fill the great need in their villages, still their achievements, considering the circumstances, are remarkable.

Anyone who knows the soft coal region would not think it possible to raise relief here. Company towns where everyone is on strike, isolated by many miles from bigger places where workers other than miners live, towns far from a railroad line, bare little villages with nothing but the rows of miners' shacks, the union hall, a few little stores. But in these desolate mining villages the women have managed to do something.

Turtle Creek Tag Day.

The women of Renton and North Bessemer are combining in a joint tag day, in Turtle Creek and neighboring towns, for which they have obtained a permit. The North Bessemer women gave a picnic recently. They went out with empty pocketbooks and came back with \$38. This was realized from the admission fees and from other sources.

The women in Slickville take up collections at their meetings. Each member gives a quarter. Here, they have not been on strike so long, and the quarter, with some sacrifice, can still be given.

Get Truckload of Food.

The women of Triadelphia, West Virginia, went with a truck into the city of Wheeling and came back with the truck loaded with food for the strikers' children's kitchen.

The methods of disposing relief are just as varied. In Bentleyville, they take care of the sick out of their little fund, doctor's bills, medicine and confinement cases. In Lansing, Ohio, they recently shared a great luxury among the members—a sack of sugar for their coffee. Some auxiliaries give relief money, some give groceries, some take care of only especially needy cases.

Work Progressing.

Women in many cities have organized themselves into national miners' relief committees and send what they collect through house to house collections, picnics, tag days, and entertainments of every variety, to the central relief headquarters at 611 Penn Ave. Potatoes, flour and other necessities are bought in wholesale quantities and sent to the mining camps.