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SOFT COAL MINERS
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"Coal- operators are a attempting to force the bituminous minars to aceept a reduction in their wagkes which would place the and other fieldo in. whigh the union is kept out ar driven out by
 able to enter any protest against wage reductions or any
whim of their employers by which their standard of living i lowered. Wages always have been lower in the nou-union held than in the organized fields, begause of that is offered if they are work at all:
Pitshburg field and in southern Ohio served notice that they wo refuse to meet with the United Mine Workers this month to effert, that they were out to break up the miners' union. Shoi Iwo fields would be reduced to the level of the wretched won ant permit this to be done.
work ont a new agreement to take effeet on April 1 , the operai deliberately vinlated their written contract with the miners, which deliberately
$\qquad$ sented and misunderstood. Operators say the miners want more ily thirty hours a weeek, the miners can produee more coal than the country can possibly consume. They say they prefer reasonably steady employment six hours a day rather than irregular and
unsteady employment eight hours a day. If they can dig all the ussteady employment eight hours a day. If they can dig all
eual that is needed in six hours why should they be required werk eight hours, they ask.
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