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**CHAPTER 14: THE PROGRESSIVE ERA**  
**Section 3: The Labor Movement in the Early 1900s**

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 538-545 to complete the following statements.

**Introduction**

1. In urban areas, new \_\_\_\_\_ brought new job opportunities as companies moved to the \_\_\_\_\_ State to take advantage of newly discovered \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In the early 1900s, \_\_\_\_\_ employees in factories and manufacturing plants earned \_\_\_\_\_ cents an hour and worked \_\_\_\_\_-hour days. Many of these workers were \_\_\_\_\_.
3. During the \_\_\_\_\_ Era, reformers called for changes to make workplaces \_\_\_\_\_ and give workers \_\_\_\_\_ wages and \_\_\_\_\_ work days. This resulted in the growth of \_\_\_\_\_, in numbers and power.

**Growth of the United Mine Workers**

4. Early mining strikes were usually \_\_\_\_\_, directed against just one \_\_\_\_\_.
5. For some, belonging to a \_\_\_\_\_ provided an opportunity to fight for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ gains; others, however, feared that joining a union would lead to their being \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_, however, was committed to carrying out its plan to organize the \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, the union called for a \_\_\_\_\_ strike to bring about union recognition.
7. During the strike, Mary Harris “Mother” \_\_\_\_\_, called “the miner’s \_\_\_\_\_,” made the first of many appearances in the \_\_\_\_\_ to help organize the miners.
8. Mary Harris Jones was born in Cork, \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When her husband and children died from \_\_\_\_\_, she decided to dedicate her life to the \_\_\_\_\_ movement.
10. Mother Jones was an excellent public \_\_\_\_\_ who was devoted to helping the miners win

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their war against the \_\_\_\_\_.

11. In the Pittsburgh Bed fields, \_\_\_\_\_ stopped the miners' efforts.

12. Although the strike was not \_\_\_\_\_ statewide, the UMWA did obtain \_\_\_\_\_ in some areas that led to \_\_\_\_\_ years of labor \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The West Virginia Federation of Labor**

13. A group of people met in \_\_\_\_\_ in February 1903 and organized the West Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ of Labor (\_\_\_\_\_).

14. The WVFL pushed for laws to protect workers' \_\_\_\_\_, to provide compensation for workers \_\_\_\_\_ on the job, and to stop the use of \_\_\_\_\_ in factories.

15. The effectiveness of the \_\_\_\_\_, however, was tied to the success of the \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Miners continued to protest against the companies' use of private \_\_\_\_\_ and the dangerous and poor \_\_\_\_\_ conditions they had to endure.

17. In December 1907, West Virginia was the scene of one of the worst \_\_\_\_\_ in coal mining history.

18. At Monongah, in Marion County, \_\_\_\_\_ men were killed in an \_\_\_\_\_.

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ disaster is important in mining history because it led to the first calls for federal safety \_\_\_\_\_ in the mines.

20. In 1910, the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ created the \_\_\_\_\_ to improve health and \_\_\_\_\_ in the industry.

21. Companies were building larger and larger \_\_\_\_\_ and becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

22. At the same time, millions of \_\_\_\_\_ were flocking to America.

23. Many of these immigrants came without \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. They had to take the first \_\_\_\_\_ offered in their new country at whatever \_\_\_\_\_ were available.

24. Company \_\_\_\_\_ felt the time was right to rid their factories of \_\_\_\_\_.

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25. In April 1912, coal companies on \_\_\_\_\_ Creek in Kanawha County refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the 1902 union contract. As a result, the miners went on \_\_\_\_\_.
26. The companies, in turn, \_\_\_\_\_ (forced out) the striking miners and their families from the \_\_\_\_\_ houses.
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ companies, worried about their property, hired a number of mine \_\_\_\_\_ from the Baldwin-Felts \_\_\_\_\_ Agency. Two armed groups—the company \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_—faced each other on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ creeks.
28. A confrontation took place at \_\_\_\_\_ (now Gallagher) on Paint Creek. Before the day ended, hundreds, and possibly thousands, of \_\_\_\_\_ were fired; twelve \_\_\_\_\_ and four \_\_\_\_\_ were dead.
29. Governor William \_\_\_\_\_ reacted by declaring \_\_\_\_\_ law.
30. Miners \_\_\_\_\_ by the militia were tried, not by a judge and jury but by a \_\_\_\_\_ commission. Hundreds of miners were sentenced to \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ returned to the coalfields and encouraged the \_\_\_\_\_ to fight back.
32. On February 7, Baldwin-Felts guards, \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff Bonner Hill, and \_\_\_\_\_ operator Quinn Morton rode an \_\_\_\_\_ train, known as the Bull Moose Special, toward the miners' \_\_\_\_\_.
33. One man was \_\_\_\_\_ and up to sixteen other persons were \_\_\_\_\_.
34. Papers across the United States carried news of the mine \_\_\_\_\_. Many who read the stories were \_\_\_\_\_ by the events.
35. Governor Hatfield attempted to end the \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the long jail terms set by the military commissions, including that of \_\_\_\_\_.
36. To settle the \_\_\_\_\_, he also gave both the coal companies and the union an \_\_\_\_\_.
37. The threat brought the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ together and, on May 1, \_\_\_\_\_,

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they finally reached an \_\_\_\_\_.

38. Other unions in West Virginia faced difficult \_\_\_\_\_ to hold onto their \_\_\_\_\_.

39. In mechanized \_\_\_\_\_, it was difficult to convince workers to join unions despite their \_\_\_\_\_ working conditions.

40. In 1907, the Hitchman Coal and Coke Company in Benwood, Marshall County, got an \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ from interfering with the operation of the company's \_\_\_\_\_.

41. A circuit court judge in Moundsville set a \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the right of coal companies to ban their employees' participation in \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

42. The UMWA \_\_\_\_\_ the injunction. In December 1917, the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ upheld the Hitchman decision and, in so doing, \_\_\_\_\_ yellow-dog contracts.

43. Some workers voted for the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, which wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to take control of industries.

44. World War I resulted in a different \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

45. The government decided that one of the best ways to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ was to encourage \_\_\_\_\_ bargaining. With this \_\_\_\_\_ support, the labor movement \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly during the war.

46. When the war ended, however, business owners decided they could increase \_\_\_\_\_ by eliminating \_\_\_\_\_.

47. A revolution in \_\_\_\_\_ and uprisings in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ frightened Americans who remembered that some workers had been linked to \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_ groups before the war.

48. The West Virginia government passed laws that \_\_\_\_\_ the freedom of unions. The government also established the state \_\_\_\_\_.