

# COAL MINERS

## Make Proposition to Anthracite Operators.

## HOLD CONVENTION

### To Discuss Answer of Mine Owners, if Any is Received, in Reply to Demand.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The anthracite miners will hold a convention at Scranton next Thursday in order to take action upon the reply of the operators, if any, to two propositions submitted to President Baer and his associates Thursday.

The decision to call a convention of the miners of the three districts was reached at a meeting of the general anthracite scale committee held here Thursday.

President Mitchell Thursday night made public two propositions, together with a request for another joint conference submitted by the miners' scale committee to President Baer and his associates. The first proposition asks for an increase in wages ranging from 5 to 15 per cent., according to the wages now received. The second proposition asks for an advance equal to 10 cents per ton upon the total production of coal, to be added to the wages of employees and apportioned in such percentage as may be agreed upon. In formulating these two propositions the committee says:

"We have eliminated every feature of our former proposals to which you have objected except that of wages, and in the matter of wages we have kept in mind your oft-repeated statement that to grant our original demands would result in advancing the cost to the consumer of domestic coal \$1.20 per ton. While we have not been able, even by the most careful analysis, to ascertain by what process of reasoning you have reached your conclusions as to the alleged necessity of an advance in cost amounting to \$1.20 per ton, we beg to assure you that we have no desire, neither would we consent to become parties to any compact that would increase the cost of domestic fuel \$1.20 per ton.

"As indicated in the two propositions submitted herein, we propose a resumption of work upon a basis that would increase the labor cost of all coal produced by an amount not in excess of 10 cents per ton, and as between 60 and 70 per cent. of all coal produced is sold as prepared sizes, the increase in the labor cost of domestic fuel would not exceed 16 cents per ton.

"Our committee will await at Wilkesbarre your reply to the propositions herein submitted. Or, if agreeable to you, we shall be pleased to meet your committee at any time and place you may suggest."

New York.—The Anthracite mine operators, through their sub-committee of seven, at a meeting here Friday, drew up a reply to the latest proposition of the mine workers for an adjustment of the existing difference in the anthracite fields, in which they refuse to modify their position heretofore announced. The operators call upon the miners to renew for a period of three years the award of the anthracite strike commission or else to accept the operators' proposition that the strike commission arbitrate the question as to what changes, if any, shall be made in the scale of wages fixed by the commission in its original award. The miners have heretofore declined this offer.

### THANKS FOR GEN. PORTER.

For His Enterprise in Finding the Body of John Paul Jones.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution extending the thanks of the country to Gen. Horace Porter, ex-ambassador to France, for his enterprise in securing the body of John Paul Jones, was presented in the house Thursday by Representative Smith, of Michigan. The text of the resolution follows:

"That, regarding with pride the achievements of their countryman, Horace Porter, the distinguished soldier, orator and diplomat, the thanks of the people of the United States are eminently due and are hereby tendered to him, as a tribute to his extraordinary enterprise and diligence in reclaiming the body of America's first naval hero, John Paul Jones, whose place of interment in Paris more than a century ago was entirely lost sight of by his countrymen, and the discovery of whose remains has again revived general public interest in his heroic deeds of valor and daring as the chief naval officer of our revolutionary period."

Secretary Bonaparte has recommended to Senator Hale and Mr. Foss, chairman of the house naval affairs committee, an appropriation of \$135,000 for finishing the crypt of the chapel of the naval academy at Annapolis which is to be the final resting place of the body of John Paul Jones, in a manner appropriate to such purpose.

Tornado in Texas. Fort Worth, Tex.—A tornado, it is reported, has swept away the town of Bellevue and damaged the town of Stoneburg. Meagre advices state that Bellevue is destroyed, 12 or 15 persons being killed and many injured and missing. Fire is destroying the ruins caused by the tornado.

Dowie a Very Sick Man. Chicago, Ill.—John Alexander Dowie is said to be suffering from myocarditis, or inflammation of the muscles of the heart, and his condition is considered grave.

## TRADE BULLETIN.

Dun's Weekly Review Sees a Bright Outlook.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Modified demands by the anthracite coal miners increase the chances of an early settlement of the controversy, and otherwise the labor situation is unusually free from friction for this season. Weather conditions are favorable for retail trade and building operations, while the crop outlook is bright on the whole, although some sections report delay to planting on account of the excessive moisture, and there is much complaint regarding the scarcity of labor.

Manufacturing plants are working to their full capacity in the leading industries, especially iron furnaces and steel mills.

Mercantile collections are somewhat irregular, which may be traced to financial stringency.

Scarcity of billets, sheets and bars is the striking feature of the iron and steel industry.

Failures this week numbered 215 in the United States, against 204 last year, and 20 in Canada, compared with 15 a year ago.

### Franklin Statue Unveiled.

Paris, France.—The Franklin celebration at the Trocadero Friday afternoon was the occasion for a notable Franco-American demonstration. The distinguished officials present included ex-Presidents Loubet and Casimir-Perier, the cabinet minister, the diplomatic corps, the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies and prominent generals and admirals. Trocadero square was occupied by the republican guards in brilliant uniforms and the grand stand facing the statue was richly decorated with the French and American colors. A battery of artillery fired a salute of 21 guns as the statue was unveiled. Minister of Instruction Barthou pronounced an eulogy of Franklin.

### Indicted for Fraud.

Chicago, Ill.—Ex-Judge Abner Smith, of this city, Jerome V. Pierce, Susstof F. Sorrow and F. E. Creelman were indicted Friday for fraud. The swindle referred to is in connection with the affairs of the Bank of America, which was recently organized here with Smith as president, and soon collapsed. There are nine counts to each indictment. Sorrow was vice president of the bank, Pierce cashier and Creelman a director.

### Price of Coal Decreasing.

Columbus, O.—Chairman John H. Winder, of the operators of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, gave out Friday reports that he had received from the executive officers of the Operators' association in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The reports show that 15 per cent. of the possible tonnage of the state of Ohio is at work, that 6 per cent. is at work in Indiana and 7 per cent. in Illinois. He said that the price of coal was decreasing.

### People Were Scared.

Marquette, Wis.—The people of Quinnesec, Mich., had an earthquake scare Thursday, when over an acre of ground over the workings of an abandoned mine suddenly went down with a great roar, carrying a number of buildings with it. It was thought for a time that a great part of the town would go, but when the true cause of the cave-in was ascertained the fears of the people were calmed. Considerable damage was done.

### Faculty Resigns.

Dayton, O.—Unable to agree upon a guarantee for next year with the trustees, the faculty of the National Normal university, at Lebanon, has resigned. A neighboring city has made an offer for the college. Trouble has been brewing for several months over the financial standing of the institution.

### Locked Watchman in Car.

Wapakoneta, O.—The Wapakoneta Holloware Co.'s building was broken into Thursday night by three robbers, who blew the safe with nitro-glycerine and obtained about \$10. The night watchman was bound, gagged and locked in a box car. He was discovered Friday morning.

### Reached an Agreement.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Final agreement was reached Friday between the operators and miners of the Pittsburg district who have been in conference for several weeks on wages and conditions to rule in this district for the next two years. While the agreement is based on the 1903 wage scale.

### Was 106 Years Old.

Cambridge, O.—Mrs. Susan Stage Masten died here Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Creamer, at the age of 106 years. Mrs. Masten was born on January 15, 1800, in New York state. She was married when she was only 15 years old.

### Ex-Confederate Soldier Dies.

Laporte, Ind.—Carlton Schaefer, captain of a cadet company from a Virginia military institute that served under Gen. Breckenridge in the Confederate army during the civil war, died Friday in Laporte, aged 62 years. Mr. Schaefer was a lawyer.

### Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Mount Carmel, Ill.—"Cam" Dodd of Howell, Ind., who was with J. W. Murphy, March 1, when Murphy while drunk in this city killed Ignatius Gillen, of Youngstown, O., and Frank Miller, of Cleveland, O., was acquitted Friday. Judge Newlin sentenced Murphy to 40 years in the penitentiary.

### Town Flooded.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—A telegram from Krasnoyarsk, eastern Siberia, reports that two-thirds of the city of Yeniseisk has been flooded by the rising of the Yenisei river.

# LIGHT QUAKE

## Startled San Francisco Wednesday.

## KILLED A WOMAN.

### Food is in Pientiful Supply—The Mayor Requests That Only Un-perishable Food be Sent.

San Francisco, Cal.—At 3:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a shock of earthquake was felt. It lasted nearly a minute and caused considerable alarm and one woman was killed. A number of walls of buildings which were burned were thrown down and frail buildings were considerably shaken up, but the damage done was slight.

The shock was felt in Oakland and Berkeley, but in these places it was very slight and of brief duration.

An idea of the task which confronts the food commission may be gained from the fact that throughout the city rations for 349,440 persons were distributed Tuesday. This is an average estimate based on reports from a few of the food depots. At one point provisions were given out to 672 persons an hour for ten hours. This station is neither one of the largest nor one of the smallest, and so its reports were used as a basis to strike an average.

All flour that was received in sacks is exchanged at bakeries pound for pound for bread. Almost all the bakeries in the unburned region have opened and are selling bread at five cents a loaf.

There is no danger of a meat famine. Representatives of the Western Meat Co. in south San Francisco reported to the relief committee Wednesday morning that there are now in the yards 1,500 cattle, 3,000 sheep and 500 hogs.

More than 200 cattle are killed and dressed daily and sheep and hogs are put under the knife as fast as they arrive.

In the distribution of clothing, precautions against fraud will be taken by squads detailed to visit each tent or shelter and list the occupants and tabulate their wants. Orders will be given out entitling the holders to the needed clothing, bedding or other stores.

Pitiful stories of suffering from exposure, ignorance and helplessness are flooding the relief committee.

The surgeon in charge of the general hospital at the Presidio states that his force is perfectly organized and that 75 members of the army nurse corps are due at the Presidio from Chicago Thursday. They will be divided between the Presidio and emergency hospitals of the city. Since the beginning of the calamity 20 deaths have occurred in the general hospital.

That San Francisco is to be rebuilt on better and more beautiful lines is indicated by the fact that James D. Phelan, chairman of the Improvement association of San Francisco, Tuesday dispatched telegrams to Architect Daniel V. Burnham and his assistant, Mr. Bennett, of Chicago, to come immediately to San Francisco to take up the work planned two years ago.

San Francisco, Cal.—The relief work has made rapid progress. It is now in the hands of the military authorities and has been perfected and systematized until the feeding and sheltering of the thousands of hungry and homeless people is going on expeditiously. There is still a scarcity of sugar and coffee, and an urgent and pressing need for more blankets, coats and tents, owing to the unusual cold nights for this season of the year, which now prevail.

Restoration of the telephone system is making good headway. Forty telephones were in operation Wednesday, but the dynamiting of walls temporarily put some of them out of commission again.

The Dairy Men's association has announced that it will furnish milk free to the relief organizations until May 1. For the first time since the earthquake street lights were burning in San Francisco Thursday night.

Sixteen thousand persons are now being cared for at the Presidio, most of them in tents. All the available tents are in use, but a supply of about 50,000 is expected in a day or two, when everyone needing shelter will be provided for. There is no contagious disease in or around the grounds.

San Francisco, Cal.—Harmony and pledges of good feeling marked the meetings Friday of the various bodies of citizens' committees and representatives of the army which are administering the affairs of San Francisco.

The last sign of confusion and misunderstanding which at times existed disappeared and the first signs of the return to former conditions were the resumption of street car traffic in certain streets and the taking out of the first permit for the erection of a modern steel structure on the ground occupied a few days ago by a less substantial building.

### Cigarette Law is Valid.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Parks anti-cigarette law passed by the last session of the Indiana legislature was declared valid Thursday by the supreme court. The court interpreted the law as meaning that it is illegal to sell or rettes in Indiana or keep them for sale, but it is not illegal to smoke them or bring them into state.

### Killed by a Train.

Chicago, Ill.—Charles L. Stinson, formerly a steel manufacturer of Rutland, Vt., was killed Thursday by a passenger train at Forest, a suburb.

## CAN'T STRAIGHTEN UP.

### Kidney Trouble Causes Weak Backs and a Multitude of Pains and Aches.

Col. R. S. Harrison, Deputy Marshal, 716 Common St., Lake Charles, La., says: "A kick from a horse first weakened my back and affected my kidneys. I became very bad, and had to go about on crutches. The doctors told me I had a case of chronic rheumatism, but I could not believe them, and finally began using Doan's Kidney Pills for my kidneys. First the kidney secretions came more freely, then the pain left my back. I went and got another box, and that completed a cure. I have been well for two years."

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## HIS KIND CAME IN BUNCHES

### Then Hubby Was Sorry He Had Taken Any Interest in Dreams.

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"My darling," he said, in distress, "what is the matter?"

"A dream," she gasped. "I have had such a horrible dream."

Her husband begged her to tell it to him, in order that he might comfort her. After long persuasion she was induced to say this:

"I thought I was walking down Broadway, and I came to a warehouse, where there was a large placard, 'Husbands for Sale.' You could get beautiful ones for \$1,500, and very nice ones for as low as \$100."

The husband asked, innocently: "Did you see any that looked like me?" "Dozens of them," gasped the wife, "done up in bunches, like asparagus, and sold for ten cents a bunch."

## RUNNING SORES ON LIMBS.

### Little Girl's Obstinate Case of Eczema—Mother Says: "Cuticura Remedies a Household Standby."

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### Merely a Suggestion.

Why not assemble all the euthanasia cranks who wish to kill off the old and "incurable" people in one inclosure and all the cranks who produce schemes for the abolition of death in another inclosure, organize them into football teams and then turn them loose and let them proceed to exterminate one another in true football style?—Chicago Chronicle.

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### Flashing.

May—Miss Showe said at one time she did not care to sing in the choir. Now she seems more than anxious.

Eva—Yes; she has just had her teeth filled with gold.—Chicago Daily News.

The pure-food law will be imperfect if it does not include the labeling of cold storage eggs with the date of embalming.—Atlanta Constitution.

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