

MINING RATE

Operators and Miners Reach Agreement.

IS A COMPROMISE

Miners Get an Advance and Operators the Open Shop—Forty Thousand Men Affected.

Harrisburg, Pa. — The men in the collieries of the central Pennsylvania bituminous coal district, numbering nearly 40,000, who have been idle since April 1, when the mines closed down because the operators would not restore the scale of 1903, will resume work on practically the same scale as 1905.

The agreement to do this was made Friday in a conference that was attended by prominent operators, President John Mitchell and Secretary Wilson, of the United Mine Workers of America, and representatives of the districts in the affected territory.

The session lasted six hours, and the following scale was agreed upon: "First—Pick mining per gross ton, 66 cents; per net ton, 58.85 cents; machine loading shall be five-ninths of the pick price, plus one-half cent, and cutting and scraping, whether by the ton, day or task, will be advanced 6.45 per cent. above the price paid in 1905. Coke men to receive an advance of 5.85 per cent.

"All other day wages and monthly men, both inside and outside the mines, and all yardage shall be advanced 5.85 per cent. above the rates paid during the scale year ending March 31, 1906.

"Second—Eight hours of actual work shall constitute a day's work for all labor inside the mines, except pump men and monthly men, who shall work the number of hours required. All outside labor to work the number of hours required and to be paid as per rates specified.

"Third—There is to be no change of working conditions and customs under this scale from such conditions and customs as have applied at this mine and have been in practice there during the scale year ending March 31, 1906."

In addition to the adoption of the scale the following agreement was entered into for machine loading:

"The right to hire and discharge, the management of the mine and the direction of the working force are vested exclusively in the operator and the United Mine Workers of America shall not abridge that right.

The agreement is regarded as a compromise, the miners getting the wage advance and the operators the open shop, arbitration and check weighman points.

TRADE BULLETIN.

R. G. Dun & Co. Report Business to be in Good Condition.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Mid-summer quiet conditions are more in evidence than at any previous time this season, although trade continues far in excess of other years, and preparations for fall and winter are unabated. Confidence in the commercial sentiment, induced by exceptionally favorable crop reports and the absence of any distinctly adverse factor.

Not only the leading industries, but nearly all manufacturing undertakings, have orders assuring activity well into the future, and scarcity of labor is still the chief complaint.

Evidences of the unexcelled business during the fiscal year just ended are found in every statement that appears.

Many iron furnaces and steel mills have resumed after a brief season of idleness for repairs, inventories and settlement of wage scales, so that the production is once more very heavy.

Failures this week numbered 202 in the United States, against 223 last year, and 21 in Canada, compared with 26 a year ago.

DYNAMITED.

Shanty in Which Men Were Sleeping Blown Up—Three Are Blown to Pieces and Others Badly Injured.

Chicago, Ill. — Three men were blown to pieces, three others fatally injured and several badly hurt, by an explosion which Friday morning wrecked a shanty in the McLaughlin stone quarries at Bellwood, a short distance northwest of Chicago.

The larger part of the body of one of the men killed was taken from a tree a hundred feet from the place where the shanty had stood. Parts of the corpse were found lying all around the tree. All of the men killed and injured were Greek and Italian laborers.

The officials of the McLaughlin Co. denounced the blowing up of the shanty as deliberate murder.

Will Remain Neutral.

Detroit, Mich.—The International Association of Photo-Engravers at their annual convention here Friday, rescinded the open shop resolution passed at their last convention in Buffalo and adopted a substitute declaring that they will be absolutely neutral in relations with labor.

Attempted Assassination.

Warsaw.—An attempt was made on Friday to assassinate Gen. Schweikowsky, a member of the military tribunal. He escaped, but his wife was wounded.

CAN THEY GET HIM?



RUSSIAN REBELS ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE CZAR'S ADMIRAL

COMMANDER OF THE BLACK SEA FLEET, CHUKNIN, IS SHOT FROM AMBUSH AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Sevastopol.—An attempt was made by mutineers Wednesday to assassinate Vice Admiral Chuknin, commander of the Black sea fleet. The admiral was wounded and taken to a hospital. The would-be assassin is a sailor, who hid in the bushes and shot at the admiral as he was walking in the garden of his villa. The culprit has not been apprehended.

The warships Panteleimon and Three Saints have joined the garrison of the Batum fortress, which has been in mutiny. The Three Saints hoisted the red flag, and the mutineers are forcibly detaining two other war vessels which had refused to join them.

The Naval Revolt.

On June 28, 1905, the crew of the Panteleimon, then called the Kniaz Potemkin, mutinied at Odessa and defied the authorities several weeks. Meantime the city was kept in constant terror by threats from the vessel to bombard the town. The warship finally did fire on one of the forts, but it soon after surrendered. On November 26 the vessel, of its name had been changed to Panteleimon, again mutinied and was joined by the cruiser Otechakoff. Nothing serious resulted, however, and later on the warships returned to control by the government.

Admiral Blamed for Severity.

Vice Admiral Chuknin has been blamed for his severity, and it was to his treatment of the crews of the ships under his command that the mutiny on board the battleship Kniaz Potemkin, in June and July last year, was attributed. The admiral displayed considerable activity in attempting to capture the mutineers at that time

and in suppressing the sailors' mutiny at Sebastopol in November last.

An attempt was made on the life of the admiral February 9 last. A woman appeared at his official residence during the afternoon of that day and sent in her card, saying she was the daughter of a rear-admiral at St. Petersburg, who was an old acquaintance of Chuknin. On entering the admiral's office, the woman drew a rapid-fire pistol and fired four shots at him without effect. As she turned to escape the woman was killed by the orderly on duty at Chuknin's door. The crime, beyond doubt, was political.

Was Sentenced to Death.

When the sentences imposed on the sailors for the Kniaz Potemkin mutiny were before the admiral for review formal notice was served on him that if he approved the death sentences he would share the same fate. Chuknin, however, approved the sentences and several intimations afterward reached him to the effect that the terrorists were merely waiting for a favorable opportunity to kill him. Some time elapsed before the police were able to establish the identity of the woman who attempted Admiral Chuknin's life, but it finally became known that she was a Jewess named Cecilia Shabad.

More Paupers in America.

Washington.—According to a report issued by the census bureau there were in the United States in 1904 163,176 persons in almshouses and of these 111,718 were males.

Although the number of almshouse paupers is increasing the increase has not kept pace with the growth of population, and consequently the ratio of almshouse paupers to population is decreasing. In 1880 it was 132 per 100,000 of population; it decreased to 117 in 1890 and to 101 in 1903.

RIVER PACKET IS BURNED

Steamer Quincy of Diamond Jo Line Runs on Bank Near Trempealeau and Turns Turtle.

La Crosse, Wis.—Nearly all of 200 passengers on the steamer Quincy of the Diamond Jo line Wednesday night narrowly escaped death when the big packet struck a bank in the dark near Trempealeau, Wis., turned half over and then caught fire.

It is believed that the majority of the passengers were saved and only one drowning is definitely known, that of an infant which was washed from its mother's arms.

A belated train brought 60 passengers who were on the boat to this city. Accounts given by them of the disaster do not include positive statements as to drownings, but it is believed comparatively few met death. At about 10:30 o'clock the steamer, plying up river, struck a bank. At the time, it is said, the boat carried no searchlight. One passenger says he saw a babe washed overboard from its mother's arms. The boat was sinking, though not in deep water.

Amid a crashing of timbers, with the boat on its side, the lifeboats were got out and the passengers, 200 in number, were taken off before the flames gained any considerable headway.

Candidate for Mayor a Suicide.

Omaha, Neb.—August H. Hennings, city treasurer for six years, and a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for mayor of Omaha at the spring primaries, committed suicide at his home here Wednesday.

Smallpox at Colon.

Colon.—Several cases of smallpox have developed at Colon, but they have been confined to the laboring class. The medical staff of the canal zone is isolating the infected district.

MUST EARN RIGHT TO LABEL

Meat Packers Cannot Secure Government Certificates Until Perfect Conditions Prevail.

Chicago.—Secretary James Wilson of the department of agriculture concluded his work in Chicago Wednesday by issuing a statement in which he denied the Chicago meat packers the use of the United States government inspection label as a guarantee to the world of the fitness of their products as food, until they have made perfect the sanitary conditions in the buildings where food is prepared. He then took a train for the west, where he will continue to look into the packing industry.

This move by the government is looked upon as a drastic action to force the packers to pursue with vigor the work of renovating their plants. Announcement is made in the same declaration that the inspection under the new law will begin at once in plants where sanitary conditions justify it, and the government label may be used by the owners of such plants. Chicago establishments are mentioned specifically and are said to be on the way to improvement. The secretary says he considers that they will be ready for inspection by August 1, but that if they are not they will not get the inspection even then.

Gasoline Kills Two.

Arcadia, Neb.—Mrs. William Misner and her three-year-old daughter, were burned to death by an explosion of gasoline. Their clothing ignited and a boy was unable to extinguish the flames.

Wisconsin War Veteran Dead.

La Crosse, Wis.—Robert A. Scott, a civil war captain, ex-postmaster and retired politician, died Wednesday, aged 67. Mr. Scott was the husband of Elsie Gille Scott, the richest woman in Wisconsin.

HORTICULTURE



THE SIDE GRAFT.

Method Which Is Valuable When Working with Seedlings Growing in Nursery.

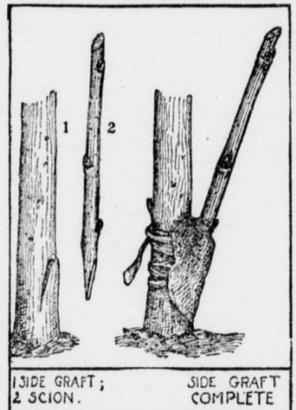
The method of grafting shown in the illustration is valuable when grafting young seedlings growing in the nursery or greenhouse. A slanting cut is made just under the bark on the stock near the ground, and the scion is prepared much the same as for cleft-grafting, except that the cut on what is to be the outside of the scion is shorter than the other. It is then pushed into the cut on the stock, so that the barks will be in contact, and then wrapped and waxed the same as the other grafts.

The scions used for grafts of all kinds should be well ripened, healthy shoots of the previous year's growth. They should be cut in the fall and packed in sand or moss until needed. In the case of hardy sorts, good results can generally be secured with spring-cut grafts, but it is safer to cut them in the fall. April and May are the months for grafting.

For covering all cut surfaces made in grafting, a wax made of resin, beeswax, and either tallow or oil should be used. For use during the cool days of early spring the following formula will give good results:

Resin 4 parts
Beeswax 2 parts
Tallow 1 part

All parts by weight. Oil, three-fourths part, may be used instead of tallow. Melt together and when well



HOW GRAFT IS MADE.

mixed pour into cold water; after greasing the hands, pull like candy. When it reaches a light yellow color it can be used. If to be used in cold weather it may be softened with warm water, while for warm weather the amount of resin should be slightly increased.

The best results in grafting are obtained when stock and scion come from plants of equal vigor and belonging to the same species, says the Prairie Farmer, but in many cases fairly good success can be obtained between plants of nearly related species. Thus the apple, pear, quince, thorn and mountain ash can be grafted upon one or the other, but the union in most cases will not be so perfect or durable as between plants of the same species.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

Strong growing plants are least attacked by insects.

Sunshine and water can produce results in any soil in which plant food is found.

If hungry trees could "bawl" as the calves do, what a chorus of howls and bleats we should hear!

Make a map of the new orchard. If the varieties are not written down now, they will probably be forgotten a few years hence.

Much is the salvation of young trees set in old mowing fields. Fertilizer underneath it will insure a rapid growth.

Some cultivated crop may sometimes be grown to advantage among young trees. But do not attempt to grow grain or grass crops there.

Don't let anybody interfere with the birds' nests if you can help it. If all goes well, each one will soon be filled with four or five hungry mouths, down which the parent bird will store away lots of the injurious insects from the farm.—Farm Journal.

Every disease of plants is caused by minute fungi called bacteria. Some people add, "careless treatment and bad weather," but the latter causes cannot be classed as disease. Strong plants, well taken care of and supplied plant food in abundance have a good deal of power to throw off disease.

Kerosene Emulsion.

Kerosene, two parts; sour milk, one part; churn together. Or, kerosene, one gallon; soap, a quarter of a pound; hot water, half a gallon; churn together into a cream. To one gallon of either of these add ten gallons of water for spraying on tough foliage or plants, or 15 gallons of water for more tender varieties. You can buy the emulsion at the seed stores already prepared, if you prefer. This will kill most soft-bodied insects, including the different varieties of scale lice, plant lice, etc., but unless carefully made it may burn the foliage.

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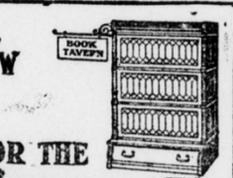
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