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PENNSYLVANIA'S POPULATION

The Rough Count Places the Total at 5,392,003.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The first rough count of the population of Pennsylvania as a whole has been completed, and shows a large increase over the returns of the tenth census. It has been made from the daily returns of the enumerators, and is not claimed by the census office officials to be accurate, but is merely to be known as an approximate estimate. It gives to the whole state a population of 5,392,003 inhabitants, as against 4,382,891, which was the state's record ten years ago, an increase of over 1,000,000.

The population of the eleven supervisors' districts, into which the state was divided, in detail is as follows:

- First district—Philadelphia city and county, 1,044,891.
- Second district—Chester, Delaware, Lancaster and York counties, 422,957.
- Third district—Berks, Bucks, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton counties, 495,467.
- Fourth district—Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties, 466,240.
- Fifth district—Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Monroe, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, 492,567.
- Sixth district—Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Lycoming, McKean, Potter, Sullivan and Tioga counties, 442,444.
- Seventh district—Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder and Union counties, 398,488.
- Eighth district—Armstrong, Cambria, Clarion, Indiana, Jefferson and Westmoreland counties, 355,129.
- Ninth district—Allegheny county, 578,322.
- Tenth district—Butler, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties, 423,000.
- Eleventh district—Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Washington counties, 283,431.

It is not possible to compare these figures by districts with the results of the last census for the reason that ten years ago the state was divided into only ten districts, and consequently the divisions did not include the same counties.

STRIKING FOR NINE HOURS.

A Strike of 2,500 Machinists in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12.—Two thousand five hundred machinists and skilled mechanics struck yesterday for the nine hours for a day's labor with ten hours pay rate. About 1,800 of the strikers are employed by the Westinghouse Electric company and the Westinghouse Machine company. The remainder were employed at various shops in Allegheny City and Pittsburgh. Several firms have acceded to the demands and the strike will probably be of short duration. The strikers held an enthusiastic meeting. Speeches were made and committees were appointed to attend to the details of the strike. It is very likely that the employees of the Westinghouse Air Brake company, in Allegheny, and the Wilkes-Barre shops will strike. The men in these shops are prepared to come out at a moment's notice.

A CRICKET LEAGUE

For Eastern Pennsylvania Organized at Pottsville—The Schedule.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Eastern Pennsylvania Cricket League was organized here Saturday by delegates from Norristown, Lebanon, Hazleton, Port Carbon, Wadesville, Schuylkill Haven and Pottsville. The following officers were elected: President, Burn S. Patterson, of Pottsville; first vice president, Eli Atwood, of Lebanon; second vice president, James Lovington, of Port Carbon; secretary, J. Weir Crankshaw, of Norristown; treasurer, C. S. Cummings, of Schuylkill Haven. The schedule of games was arranged as follows:

- Aug. 16—Pottsville and Port Carbon.
- Aug. 23—Port Carbon at Lebanon.
- Aug. 29—Pottsville at Norristown.
- Aug. 29—Schuylkill Haven at Wadesville.
- Sept. 6—Norristown at Lebanon.

Horses Perished in the Flames.

HOKENDAUQUA, Pa., Aug. 8.—The Thomas iron company's large stable here, together with its several annexes, was completely destroyed by fire. Nine horses perished in the flames. Two of them belonged to Walter Biery and one to Perry Wanamaker, the latter of Allentown, and were valuable. Nearly all of the company's patterns, many of which cannot be replaced, were destroyed. The carriages of the officials, harness and other contents were burned. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Sanitary Reforms at Bethlehem.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Aug. 7.—The board of health has ordered the selection of a new dumping ground for garbage beyond the town limits, and Chief of Police Ache to continue his house to house inspection with all dispatch. The board also ordered the water furnished the town to be analyzed. The garbage dumping grounds in West Bethlehem have been covered with wagon loads of lime, and the decayed vegetable matter buried.

Gertie Goff's Parents.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 11.—It is learned that the parents of Gertie Goff, the little English girl who was deserted in this city by Mrs. Jane Anguish, was, when she was brought to this country, 137 Great Dover street, Borough, London, S. E. It is intimated that her parents have since moved from that place to another part of London.

Mine Foremen Examined.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 11.—Mine Inspector Patrick Blewitt, Superintendent Benjamin Hughes and Miner Benjamin Mogle, the board of examiners of the First mining district, completed their report of the recent examination of applicants for certificates as mine foremen. Of the twenty-five applicants eleven were successful.

Damage Done by Incendiarists.

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Aug. 12.—A full examination into the loss by the burning of P. A. Brause's cigar factory in this borough places the figures at \$30,000. The insurance will aggregate nearly \$40,000. About 800,000 cigars and 250 cases of leaf tobacco were burned. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

ALL TRAINS TIED UP

Great Strike on the New York Central Railroad.

TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY STOPPED.

All the Trainmen Between New York and Albany Stop Work—The Strike Extends to Rochester, but Does Not Reach Buffalo.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The strike of the employees on the New York Central and Hudson River railroad was begun at 7:30 o'clock last night. The Grand Union hotel was crowded with people who expected to leave the city and had engaged passage for various points. At 8:30 o'clock a gentleman reached the hotel and announced that the engineer and men employed in running an incoming train had deserted their posts in the tunnel at Eighty-sixth street and left the train standing there. He, as well as the other passengers, had to get out and make their way to Forty-second street on foot or by horse car.

A Quiet Sunday.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Everything in and around the New York Central depot was quiet and orderly yesterday. Nearly all of the trains ran on schedule time, the only ones that were not started out being the 8:40, Croton local, and the Peekskill accommodation, which was to start at 10:30.

Vice President Webb gave the following circular to the press:

The position of the company is this: We will select our own men and do not propose that they will be designated by the Knights of Labor or its committees. When men are dismissed we shall get rid of the inefficient, the most vicious and those least in accord with our interests. When promotions are to be made we will not be bound by the seniority rules promulgated by the Knights of Labor.

A due consideration will always be given to length of service, but the first and most important rule will be the qualifications of the men for the place. If our men have grievances, the company officers will be willing to grant hearings and see that consideration is given, but we will not allow outsiders to interfere or to interfere between the employer and employee.

For this reason alone I refused to allow Mr. Holland to discuss any differences alleged to exist between the company and its men, and not for the reason as stated that we object to our employees being members of labor organizations.

These are my views and I am satisfied that they are concurred in and approved by every official of the company, by its board of directors and by the gentlemen who are most interested in its securities. The strike is ill advised, cannot succeed and we will put it down and maintain the position we have taken.

Secretary Hayes, of the executive board, called on Vice President Webb, bearing a letter from Mr. Ducey, favoring arbitration. Mr. Webb firmly declined to treat with Mr. Hayes, as he said there was nothing to arbitrate and that the company would not take back the discharged men under any circumstances.

No Material Change.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The situation has not changed at this point of the New York Central railroad strike. At the Grand Central depot trains are arriving and departing nearly on time.

During the day many men applied for reinstatement. Mr. Webb said that the Croton locals, comprising ninety trains, would start today again. The Spynett Duvill locals, eight trains, will also start again. Yesterday 150 cars of freight were handled by the company in this city. No word had come from Depew, but Cyrus Field called and approved of Mr. Webb's actions. Several other directors expressed satisfaction. At 11:30 p. m. trains were moving as usual.

The Situation at Albany.

ALBANY, Aug. 12.—A committee of the strikers waited upon Albany Gen. Tabor for his opinion as to the legality of the Pinkerton men being allowed to patrol under arms. He decided that the railroad could have them as long as they remained upon their property, but if any of them intruded upon the public streets they were liable for arrest. While the railroad sent out flowery statements from New York, that they are afraid is evidenced by the fact that carpenters last evening began erecting berths in the car shops for the occupancy of the militia that may be quartered at West Albany. At 5 o'clock last evening a train on the Central bound for Troy was stopped at the iron works. After warning the train men that if they attempted to run after dark they would be stoned, the train was allowed to proceed.

Chicago Not Affected.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—So far as present indications go there is no possible chance of the strike on the New York Central road affecting the Chicago roads belonging to the system, where all present trouble is raging. The situation is this: The fight now going on is one backed by the Knights of Labor. West of Buffalo there are no railroad men members of that organization, or more properly speaking, no assembly of railroaders belonging to that body. The jurisdiction of the Knights of Labor does, therefore, not extend to Chicago. Railroad men here belong to what is known as the federated railway organization, and if anything, are not very friendly to the knights, on account of previous stands taken by them during railroad troubles in this city. Grand Master Sweeney, of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid association, positively asserted that "there will be no strike in Chicago. The Knights of Labor will have to fight it out alone, and they have no jurisdiction whatever on any lines centering here. The council of Federated Railway organization can consider a strike and that at present is not even remotely probable or even possible."

Pinkertons at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 12.—At 4 p. m. yesterday fifty Pinkerton detectives and 100 railroad men went to East Syracuse. The Pinkertons formed in line and cleared the yard, the strikers yielding without a struggle. The other men at once went to work making up freight trains. It is reported that the strikers were advised by their leaders at Albany to surrender, on having word from Governor Hill that the military would be ordered to East Syracuse at once if the running of all trains was not permitted.

The Prelates Leave Bar Harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 12.—Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ryan and Kendrick left yesterday. The cardinal goes to Brooklyn to visit friends. Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ryan lunched Sunday with Mr. Blaine.

A FOUR PLY ELOPEMENT.

An Extraordinary Escapade Results in Murder.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Benjamin Halstead and her daughter Mary, her sister Mrs. Peter Loran and a daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Halstead, four women, in all, and representing three generations, eloped Friday night at 12 o'clock with four Italian laborers, of Ithaca, N. Y.

Mrs. Peter Loran's Lothario was Joseph Murray, and as a sequel to the four ply elopement Murray is lodged in jail charged with murder.

Mrs. Loran and Mrs. Murray fled from Hancock to Sterling, a small village just over the state line in Pennsylvania, and went to a house prepared there by Murray Loran.

The deserted husband got track of the elopers early Saturday morning, and with an officer went to the house and entered it. The Italian and faithless wife saw him coming and the former called to him to halt.

FACTORY INSPECTION.

Report of the Pennsylvania State Bureau.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 12.—Chief Factory Inspector Martin presents the following statement as showing the operations of his bureau during the short time it has been in motion:

Summary of work done by the factory inspectors' department up to the week ending Aug. 2, 1903. Number of deputy inspectors on outside work, 5, with an average term of service of five months and four days. Total number of inspections made, 123; number of males employed where inspections have been made, 119,712; number of females employed where inspections have been made, 74,761; number between 12 and 16 years of age employed where inspections have been made, 29,636; number of children under 12 years of age found employed and discharged, 47; total number of employees in establishments that have been inspected, 191,283.

Total number of orders to comply with the law given, 353, divided as follows: Fire escapes to be erected, 35; elevators to be guarded, 25; sanitary orders given, 72; miscellaneous 155; orders reported complied with, 161; number of accidents reported, 75. All of the entire 353 orders to comply with the law will be carried out in time, the manufacturers reporting when the work is done.

Refuse to Carry Quart Bottles.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 11.—The original package industry has received a severe blow. The Pennsylvania company has refused to carry certain original packages shipped from the state of Ohio into this state. In issuing the order of refusal there has been brought to light the actual dealings in original packages, the extent of which has hitherto been an unknown quantity. The liquor, which is pronounced by those who have tested it to be of the "Jersey lightning" stripe, was shipped in single quart bottles, packed in small boxes, into one of which Leeburg and Blairville received 400 little boxes, or 600 quarts, of low grade whisky. The stuff was shipped from Canton, O. The ground taken by the company is that it will not connive at any infraction of the law, and it was believed that in carrying such business aid was given to a traffic which was considered illegal.

Wanted to Sell His Body.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11.—Christian Laembart, a German, 34 years of age, entered the coroner's office and wanted to sell his body for \$75. He said he had lived in Gloucester and that he had for eight or nine weeks been trying to find work and had failed, and that now he wanted to sell his body to the coroner, to be delivered in a short time. He declared that he was of no use to himself or others, and that he cared not what became of him. Kate Haebner, who was with him, said that Laembart boarded with her, and was in arrears. She was even more desirous than her companion to purchase, but some of the spectators gave them a few coins and they went away.

A Gas Explosion.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 11.—A singular explosion of gas occurred at the Western Union telegraph office. What used to be a large vault is now the telephone room, closed with a heavy iron door that almost hermetically seals it. The gas burner is so arranged that the light is always kept burning very low. During the night the gas was by some means blown out, and the flow filled the vault. In the morning William Wyrat, the record clerk, went into the vault, closing the door. He lit a match. An explosion took place that blew open the heavy door and was felt throughout the operating room. Wyrat was badly burned about the head, face and hands, and was taken to the hospital.

Returned to Work.

CATASAUQUA, Pa., Aug. 8.—Work was resumed at the works of the Catasauqua Manufacturing company here and at Fullerton, after being idle five weeks on account of the attempt made by the union men to force the company to sign the Amalgamated scale. The employees are reported to be delighted with the agreement recently made with the company, and to have assured the manufacturers that no trouble of a similar nature is likely to occur again.

Mill to Shut Down.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Excelsior Knitting mill will shut down this week without any definite time being set for its starting up again. The Philadelphians who purchased the mill recently at the assignee's sale, and who are now its owners, have been running it since to work up the stock on hand. It is believed that a stock company will be organized. All the employees, 200 girls, were paid Saturday.

Death of a Prominent Farmer.

TOPTON, Pa., Aug. 12.—Joseph Miller, an esteemed farmer of Mayatavny township, Berks county, is dead after a short illness. He was 70 years of age, and besides operating several large farms was engaged extensively in mining. He was one of the best known citizens in eastern Pennsylvania. He leaves a widow and six children, one of the latter being District Attorney W. Oscar Miller, of Reading.

Swallowed Concentrated Lye.

BIRDSBORO, Pa., Aug. 12.—During the temporary absence of his parents, Davis, the 17-months-old son of George Mills, of this borough, secured and drank a portion of a box of concentrated lye. All the tissues of the mouth, throat and stomach were burned out by the acid, and the arteries were eaten off. The child will not recover.

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