

### COAL MEN DODGE PROBE, IS REPORT

To Refrain Raising Price of Anthracite Rather Than Face Investigation

INQUIRY MAY BE HALTED

Attorney General Schaffer Ready to Present Report on Inquiry Into Increase

Rather than submit to an inquiry into the coal situation, anthracite operators have reported ready to rescind their order for a fifty-cent advance in the price of coal, effective May 1.

Reports of the backdown on the part of the operators, circulated particularly about the Harrisburg Capitol, were said to have come from reliable sources.

Action by Governor Sprout on the coal situation is expected today. It was understood a resolution was to be sent to the state Legislature calling for a probe into coal prices, the resolution to be accompanied by a letter from the Governor.

Attorney General Schaffer has looked up the laws on the question and is said to have prepared the probe resolution, if the operators rescind the order for the proposed increase in price, the resolution may probably be abandoned.

Representative Leopold C. Glass, of Philadelphia, adopted a new plan in his efforts to get an inquiry into coal and food conditions in the state. Instead of calling up his bill, which would provide for the appointment of a commission by the Governor to conduct an investigation into food and fuel prices, he introduced a concurrent resolution which proposes the same thing.

The resolution does not carry an appropriation, but legislation can be enacted later to appropriate money to defray any expenses that might be incurred in investigating coal and food conditions.

Under the rules of the House the Glass resolution was laid over for printing.

Mr. Glass will ask for immediate action on the resolution, which provides that the commission make its report to the present Legislature.

Refusal of independent anthracite operators to pay royalties to the Grand Estate for coal lands leased from the estate was discussed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the committee on real estate outside Philadelphia of the board of city trusts.

### CROWD THROGS ENTRANCE TO RUMMAGE SALE



A throng of expectant shoppers on Chestnut street west of Eighth street waiting for the doors to open of the Victory rummage sale for the benefit of St. Edmond's Home for Crippled Children

#### BAR SCALPERS' TICKETS

Four Theatres Open Campaign Against Curb Dealers

Detectives employed by the Forrest, Garrick, Broad Street and Keith's Theatre managements last night opened a campaign against the operations of curb scalpers. They approached every person the ticket vendors accosted and warned them before the transaction was completed that tickets procured from scalpers would not be honored at the door of any of those playhouses.

In many instances patrons who insisted upon purchasing tickets at the advanced price of the scalpers despite the warning were refused admittance to the theatres.

Some commotion was caused by the determination of the managements to abate the scalping practice. Persons thus refused were refunded the box-office price of their tickets, but lost the difference between that and the advanced price paid the speculator. This discrepancy in many instances amounted to \$1 a seat.

#### SEEK COURT'S AID FOR WATER

Chestnut St. Photographers Say Fellow-Tenant Shuts Off Supply

Gilbert & Bacon, whose photographic studios occupy the second and third floors of 1224 Chestnut street, have applied to Court of Common Pleas No. 3 for an injunction against John Goldmann, a landlord in the basement, in an effort to stop him from interfering with the photographers' water supply. It appears that the stop regulating the water supply to the upper floors of the premises is in the basement. It is charged that Goldmann, since December 18 last, has repeatedly turned the key-siphoning of the water to the photographers' rooms.

#### NEW LITHUANIAN CABINET

Socialists Quit and Dovydlaitis Is Asked to Organize New Ministry

Lausanne, Switzerland, March 18.—(By A. P.)—As a result of a ministerial crisis, which has arisen in Lithuania, M. Dovydlaitis has been asked to form a new cabinet, according to the Lithuanian newspapers here. The Christian Democrats will have a majority in the new ministry, to which M. Norankis, a leader of the Progressive party, has promised his support. The Socialists have withdrawn.

#### CLASPS WAR FIFE IN DEATH

Civil War Veteran Was Musician in 28th Penna. Volunteers

A silver life with which he inspired many Union soldiers at Antietam, Gettysburg and during Sherman's march to the sea was clasped lightly in the hands of James Cannon, eighty years old, a Civil War veteran, when he died on Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, Cecil Cannon, 5323 Hunter street. The aged veteran served throughout the war as chief musician of the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and the silver life was presented to him by the colonel of the regiment. In later years it became his most treasured possession.

#### NEED BLOOD TO SAVE LIFE

Hospital Seeks Volunteer to Submit to Transfusion

The life of a young man in Mount Sinai Hospital may be saved by a blood transfusion. Some one is needed to make the sacrifice, and the authorities have appealed for a volunteer. For five weeks Harry Ganiz, of 1811 South Fifth street, has been slowly dying. His blood supply is scarcely one-tenth of normal. The hospital reports that his case is a rare one, as few persons are able to maintain life with only 750,000 of the ordinary 5,000,000 red corpuscles.

### DR. FRANK C. KNOWLES PROMOTED TO MAJOR

Physician, Brother of Municipal Court Judge, With Hospital Unit No. 10

Word has been received by his family that Captain Frank Crozer Knowles, M. R. C., 2022 Spruce street, has been promoted by General Perahing to the rank of major in recognition of the service he gave in the two years he served in France with the Pennsylvania Base Hospital Unit No. 10.

This is the second promotion awarded Major Knowles since he has been overseas. He volunteered at the time of the forming of the unit and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was promoted to a captain in July, 1917, and his latest promotion was made last month.

Major Knowles is a brother of Judge William Gray Knowles, of the Municipal Court. Before leaving this city Major Knowles wrote several papers on dermatological subjects. He was the author of a textbook on skin diseases and was connected with the teaching staff of the University of Pennsylvania and many hospitals here, including the Pennsylvania Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, Polyclinic Hospital and St. Vincent's Home. He was visiting dermatologist at many charitable institutions, principally Church Home, Children's Hospital and Baptist Orphanage.

When Base Hospital No. 10 went overseas it was assigned to take charge of the British Base Hospital No. 16, at Trepport, France. Major Knowles was in charge of dermatological work of this unit, and in addition to that, he organized and directed the X-ray department, where he personally conducted as many as 200 examinations a month.

He was later made consulting dermatologist on the staff of Colonel Hugh L. Young, at general headquarters, where his duties consisted of acting consultant for sixteen divisions of the American expeditionary force. He remained in that position until the signing of the armistice, at which time he returned to his former duties at Trepport.

### TRIBUTE TO DUMONT BY CHAUNCEY OLCOTT

'Last Great Minstrel,' Singer's Eulogy of Former Comrade Who Fell Dead

Chauncey Olcott, commenting today on the death of Frank Dumont, "dean of minstrelsy," described his former fellow actor as "the last great minstrel."

Mr. Olcott was associated with Mr. Dumont in minstrel shows here so long ago that he refused to discuss dates. But in the heyday of the minstrel show which Mr. Dumont made a permanent Philadelphia institution, Mr. Olcott and Major Knowles played together for two years at the old Eleventh Street Opera House.

"Dumont was the last of the great minstrel showmen, the last of a generation of players who amused our grandfathers and our children with blackface burlesques on the passing events," Mr. Olcott commented.

"He was one of the most charming men that ever lived, and every time you saw him he was the same sweet old thing. He possessed an extraordinarily gentle nature."

"Philadelphia is the only city in the United States that will support a minstrel show the year round. Dumont was entirely up to the times in his theatre. But some one must be found to continue the traditions of the famous Carnegies minstrels now that he is gone, if the minstrel, as Dumont made it, is to live. Dumont was hundreds of burlesques and they were always clean and wholesome. He was a charming man and the last of the great minstrels."

Mr. Dumont fell dead in the box office of his theatre at Ninth and Arch streets yesterday just as the curtain rose for the daily matinee.

#### Succumbs to Trolley Injuries

William Francis, forty-five years old, 622 North Eighth street, died in Hahnemann Hospital early today from injuries received last night when struck by a trolley car at Thirteenth and Commerce streets. The police believe the man attempted to cross the street and did not see the car. His right leg was badly crushed.

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4. Batiste Dress with white sash; hand smocking; Valenciennes lace-edge collar, cuffs and sash; blue, maize, flesh, white with embroidery of different shades; sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 years—\$10.95.
5. Plain-color Gingham Dress, embroidery done by hand; moire ribbon run in and out around waist; squash color, pink, Copenhagen blue; sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years—\$10.95.
6. Misses' Suit of navy Poirat twill; decided box coat, trimmed with buttons and hand-made buttonholes on each side; button holes on sleeve; deep band of diamond tucking around bottom of coat and bottom of skirt; sizes 16, 18 and 20 years—\$69.00.
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