

THE BARONS' NEW DEAL

Independent Operators Now Free to "Squeeze" the Public.

CONTRACTS ARE SUSPENDED

Big Companies Are Unable to Prevent Extortion, and Independents Will Demand at Least \$5 a Ton at the Mines.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 5.—Following the lead of the Lehigh Valley, Jersey Central and Reading, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company on Saturday acceded to the demand of its contract shippers to suspend the 65-35 contract until circular and actual market prices again conform.

Only about half of the independent operators are selling under the 65-35 contract. They have had to be content with 65 per cent. of \$5 on big sizes and the same per cent. of \$3.75 on small sizes, the arbitrary figure fixed by the carriers for coal at tide-water. The independents who were not under contract terms have sold their coal at the breaker for at least \$5 a ton, and the purchaser looked after the freight.

The contract independents argued that it was not fair that they should be bound by an arbitrary circular price, when they could get fully 50 per cent. better prices, and particularly when other independents were getting all that the law of supply and demand allows.

This means that the independents are now all free to sell their coal at the breaker at the best prices they can secure, leaving it to the purchaser to dicker with the carrier about the freight charges.

In return for the concession the independents have promised to favor the east and New England, where coal is most needed, and with this end in view they have already announced that no more coal will be sold by them at retail. To generally discourage local consumers from buying more coal than is actually needed, an advance in price was agreed upon, and today Scrantonians who want coal will have to pay \$5 a ton for the larger domestic sizes. This is \$1 a ton more than it was selling for last week. Under normal conditions it sells here for \$2.50 delivered.

There are in all 106 independent operators, having a total tonnage of 14,923,806 tons, or an average for each one of 140,000 tons a year. G. B. Markle & Co. are the largest independent operators, their annual output being 1,062,841 tons.

MARKLE'S ANSWER TO MINERS

Independent Operator Tries to Explain Damaging Testimony of Men. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The answer of G. B. Markle & Co., independent coal operators, to the demands of the miners, was made public here yesterday. The answer was submitted to the anthracite strike commission, which reassembled in this city today. It was written by John Markle, managing partner of the firm. The statement is in part as follows:

After giving a history of the firm and the number of collieries operated, Mr. Markle goes over the conditions in the coal regions since 1875. He claims the men were not compelled to contribute to the company doctors and priests, and that they were not required to deal at company stores, claiming these were maintained as an accommodation to the men. Mr. Markle says when the strike ended his firm was not represented in the appointment of the arbitration commission, and they required the men to sign an agreement to abide by the decision of the commission before returning to work. That dissatisfied men tore down the notices and prevented others from reporting at the office. Continuing, he says:

"On the morning of Monday, October 27, 1902, I ordered notice to give up possession of the houses to be served upon 12 men who had been active in preventing the men from resuming work. No attempt was made to collect the arrears of rent which had accrued during the strike, and the notice to quit having been served October 27, judgment in ejectment was entered November 5, and the parties evicted on November 6, 1902."

The net earnings of the evicted men for the year 1901, according to the statement, varied from \$350 to \$1,000. The answer further states that the father of the boy Chippie was killed as a result of his own negligence. He was not indebted to the firm at the time of his death. His earnings for the previous six months, from February to July, inclusive, amounted to \$330. Mrs. Chippie paid nothing on account of rent or coal. Henry Coll, one of the evicted men, had always received good wages, Mr. Markle states. The answer asserts that his wife did not die in consequence of the eviction, which occurred November 6, as she lived until December.

MAY SUE COAL ROADS

Illinois Manufacturers Allege Conspiracy to Extort High Prices.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association held a meeting yesterday to consider the advisability of constituting criminal proceedings against the coal dealers and coal carrying railroads charged with being responsible for the present fuel famine. Evidence gathered by the various members of the organization for a fortnight, which is said to show the existence of a conspiracy to extort high prices from consumers, was considered at great length and the conference resulted in the appointment of a committee with instructions to continue the investigation and report at a future meeting.

DEATH OF SAGASTA

Former Premier of Spain Succumbs to Bronchitis and Gastric Trouble. Madrid, Jan. 6.—Former Premier Sagasta died at 11 o'clock last night. At half-past 6 he had an attack of heart failure and it was then thought



SEÑOR SAGASTA.

he was dead; he rallied, however, and lived for four hours and a half. His funeral will probably take place next Wednesday. Senor Sagasta's death was due to bronchitis and gastric trouble. His family was at the deathbed and former Liberal members of the cabinet were near their old leader. A bishop administered the last sacrament yesterday afternoon.

Senor Sagasta's intellect was unimpaired until his last hours. He talked to his daughter, the presidents of the senate and congress and to the archbishop of Toledo. King Alfonso has written a letter of sympathy to Senor Sagasta's family. During the former premier's illness the queen mother and other members of the royal family frequently sent officials to inquire as to his progress.

The news of the former premier's death created a painful impression throughout Madrid. King Alfonso expressed profound regret.

THE FIGHT IN DELAWARE

The Two Legislative Factions Divide Regular Republicans Refuse to Caucus With Addicks Men.

Dover, Del., Jan. 6.—The triangular fight over the election of two United States senators from Delaware began in earnest last night at the state capitol, when the newly elected members of the legislature assembled to caucus for the organization of the two branches. The 21 Union Republicans, pledged to the support of John Edward Addicks for both terms until elected to the senate, started a caucus to which they invited all the Republican members. The two Republican factions gave in to each other late last night, the Addicks assemblymen giving the Regulars an equal share of the legislative offices and the first choice which will be the president pro tem of the senate. The speaker of the house, next in line, will be an Addicks man.

The Democrats caucused early and nominated Chauncey P. Holcomb, of New Castle, for speaker of the house, and Senator Charles Wright, of Seaford, for president pro tem. of the senate.

VENEZUELAN REBELS DEFEATED

Fifty-seven Killed and Many Wounded After Four Hours' Fighting.

Caracas, Jan. 6.—Fourteen hundred revolutionists, under Generals Ramos and Penalosa, attacked 800 government troops, under the command of General Acosta, Sunday morning at a point near Guatire. After four hours' fighting the revolutionists abandoned the field and the town of Guatire. They had 57 men killed and many wounded. One of their guns was captured. A prisoner captured by the government forces is authority for the statement that the revolutionists are still out of ammunition.

About 1500 revolutionists are reported to be marching on Caracas.

The activity and energy displayed by President Castro continue to surprise the foreign residents of this city. It is reported here that the leaders of the Matos' movement are treating with the government.

The answers from the powers to President Castro's counter proposition in the matter of referring the Venezuelan issues to The Hague tribunal have not yet been received here.

Well-Known Philadelphia Banker Dead

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—A private dispatch received here yesterday from Camden, S. C., announces the death in that city of Henry Lester Townsend, senior member of the banking firm of De Haven & Townsend, of this city, and one of the leading financiers of the country. The firm has branches in New York, Boston and London. Mr. Townsend had been in ill health for two years, and went south on the advice of his physician.

Gave Birth to Quadruplets.

Toledo, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Francis Spychalski, aged 20, wife of Stanislas Spychalski, aged 29, yesterday gave birth to quadruplets, two girls and two boys, ranging in weight from three to six pounds. Six years ago the woman gave birth to twins, and about a year later to triplets. All of these died. There is another child nine and a half months' old. The boys have been named Samuel Jones and Theodore Roosevelt.

Encyclical Against Duelling.

Rome, Jan. 3.—The Pope is about to issue an encyclical against the practice of duelling. He will appeal to all Christian governments to suppress the practice, which is described as a survival of the middle ages.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, December 31.

The navy department yesterday issued orders transferring the transport Lawton into a receiving ship.

Charles Wessels, a prominent New York business man, dropped dead on an elevated train last night of apoplexy.

The board of trustees of Hamline University, Minneapolis, Minn., announced that an endowment of \$250,000 has been raised.

John Hunicutt and Robert Jolly, of Knoxville, Tenn., were drowned yesterday by falling through thin ice on a pond on which they were skating.

Thursday, January 1.

Dr. Lorenz, the famous orthopedic surgeon, of Vienna, sailed from New York yesterday for England.

The handsome residence of George B. Post, Jr., near Bernardsville, N. J., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$60,000.

The Wisconsin Central Railroad has granted its engineers a 10 to 25 per cent. increase in wages as a New Year's greeting.

A detachment of 100 Boers, who volunteered for military service in Somaliland, will sail from Cape Town, South Africa, on January 8.

The navy department has decided not to repair the cruiser Philadelphia, and she will not be again placed in active service.

Friday, January 2.

The transport Sheridan sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Manila with 115 passengers and army supplies.

Governor B. B. Odell, of New York, was yesterday inaugurated for his second term as chief executive of the state.

The biggest gusher yet drilled in the Wayne oil field was struck on the Jerry Sandusky farm, six miles east of Monticello, Ky.

Judge W. A. Little, of the supreme court of Georgia, yesterday tendered his resignation to Governor Terrell III health was the cause.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their guests attended a theatre party at Washington last night to witness Miss Annie Russell's new play, "Mice and Men."

Saturday, January 3.

Jack Brown, a negro, was hanged at the Richmond, Va., penitentiary yesterday for the murder of a fellow convict.

Patrick Haburn, of Williamsport, Pa., who was missing since Christmas, was found in the woods yesterday frozen to death.

During December the government receipts were \$47,151,299 and the expenditures \$36,533,744, leaving a surplus of \$10,618,000.

Charles S. Hutt, of Steelton, was instantly killed yesterday by falling from a building at the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Harrisburg, Pa.

The enlisted men in the United States army stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y., presented Miss Helen Gould with a solid silver loving cup as a New Year's gift.

Monday, January 5.

The total coinage at American mints during 1902 was \$79,485,815.

The cornerstone of the Army War College, at Washington, D. C., will be laid February 22.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company announces that they will erect 12 coke ovens at Lebanon, Pa., to supply their furnaces.

In a wreck on the Southern Railway, near Birmingham, Ala., Saturday night, the engineer was killed and 27 passengers injured.

Five masked men dynamited the safe in the First National Bank at Abington, Ill., early Saturday morning and stole \$4,800. Two were arrested.

Tuesday, January 6.

John W. Morrison was inaugurated governor of Idaho yesterday.

The People's Bank of Barnesville, Ga., made an assignment yesterday. Brigadier General Henry G. Hasbrouck was retired yesterday on age.

The Chinese emperor has appointed his nephew, Prince Pao Lun, delegate to the St. Louis Fair.

Governor Stone yesterday appointed W. A. Erdman judge of the Monroe-Pike (Pa.) district, vice Allen Craig, deceased.

Antonio Jappo was killed and two other laborers hurt in a fall of timber in the New York Rapid Transit tunnel yesterday.

Three miners were killed at the Windsor mine, near Hurley, Wis., yesterday by falling 600 feet down the slope.

GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 5.—Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.60; 2.50; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10 to \$3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.55 to \$2.75; flour was quiet, at \$3.25 to \$3.25 per bbl. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 77¢. Corn was dull; No. 2 yellow, local, 50¢ to 51¢. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 40¢ to 41¢; lower grades, 34¢ to 35¢. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$18 to \$18.50 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19 to \$20. Pork was firm; family, \$20. Live poultry, 15¢ for hens, and \$19 1/2 for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13¢ for choice fowls, and 10¢ for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 32¢ per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 29¢ per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 65¢ to 66¢ per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Cattle were steady; prime steers, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Pennsylvania rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.35; heifers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cows, \$2.25 to \$2.50; bulls, \$2.75 to \$2.25. Veals were higher; tops, \$9 to \$9.75; common to good, \$6.50 to \$7.75. Hogs active but lower; heavy, \$6.50 to \$6.60; mixed, \$6.40 to \$6.50; yorkers and pigs, \$6.35; roughs, \$5.60 to \$5.90; stags, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Sheep and lambs were higher; top mixed sheep, \$3.75 to \$3.85; culls to good, \$2.50 to \$3.00; top lambs, \$5.80 to \$5.85; culls to good, \$3.75 to \$4.75; yearlings, \$4.25 to \$4.75; ewes, \$4 to \$4.25.

East Liberty, Pa., Jan. 5.—Cattle were steady; choice, \$5.75 to \$6.00; prime, \$5.40 to \$5.50; good, \$5 to \$5.20. Hogs were active; prime heavies, \$6.50 to \$6.55; medium, \$6.40; heavy yorkers, \$6.35 to \$6.40; light yorkers, \$6.30 to \$6.35; pigs, \$6.30 to \$6.40; roughs, \$5.60 to \$5.65. Sheep were steady; best wethers, \$4.40 to \$4.50; culls and common, \$1.50 to \$2; choice lambs, \$6.60 to \$6.85; veal calves, \$8.25 to \$9.

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