

COMMISSION'S QUIET DAY

Delaware & Hudson Company Tell of Condition at Mines.

HOLIDAYS CHARGED TO MEN

Strikers' Counsel Claim Company's Figures of Daily Output is 8000 Tons In Excess of Actual Average—President Dettrey Makes Denial.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—The proceedings before the anthracite coal strike commission yesterday consisted principally of the calling of witnesses by the Delaware and Hudson Company to tell of the conditions in and about its collieries and to refute certain testimony presented against the company when the miners' side was being heard.

George Anderson, of Scranton, a clerk in the coal department of the company, presented numerous statistics bearing upon the issues before the commission. One of the statements showed that 2388 of the company's 13,258 employes have been working in or about the mines from ten to sixty years. He produced data showing the workings of the company's relief fund, with which more than 5000 of the company's employes are connected.

Mr. Anderson also presented a statement showing that the 25 collieries of the company lost 368 days in 1901 for which the employes were responsible. Of these 115 were lost on account of picnics and other holidays (not including legal holidays), 59 days on account of "Mitchell Day" and other union days, and 194 days on account of strikes and suspensions.

The witness said he procured most of his information regarding the loss of time for which the men were responsible from the foremen of the company, and in answer to a question by Mr. Darrow, he said he never knew of a foreman turning in a report showing that he (the foreman) was responsible for a colliery being idle.

Particular attention was directed by Mr. Darrow, of counsel for the Miners' Union, to showing that the company, in charging the miners with having produced some 95,000 tons less than a normal output since the late strike, had based the charge on a daily output of 24,000 tons, whereas the company's actual daily output for 1901 was 16,000 tons.

David Davis, foreman of the Langciffe colliery; H. T. Hughes, foreman of the Plymouth, No. 5, colliery, and Frederick Badman, foreman of Plymouth, No. 3, all testified that since the strike of 1900 the miners and laborers will not load as many cars as they did prior to that strike. The men were willing, but were afraid of expulsion from the union. Mr. Hughes told of how a portion of the men in his colliery struck because the company would not pay for standing props, and that one chamber in the mine was boycotted because it was hard to work.

TO ACT ON COAL FAMINE

Congress to Pass Bill Removing Duty of Sixty-seven Cents a Ton. Washington, Jan. 13.—It is expected that congress will pass a bill removing the duty of 67 cents a ton on coal imported into this country. This bill may take the form of a rebate or drawback for 90 days, and also will provide for reciprocity, admitting free of duty coal imported into this country from countries granting the same privilege to the United States.

It will be taken up in the senate very soon and the intention is to have it pass without much delay. Its consideration in the senate has not been arranged for, but efforts are making to expedite its passage without amendment and with little discussion. A number of Republicans who heretofore have been opposed to changing the duty on coal said they would not oppose the bill provided it did not open up the whole tariff question.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, January 7. Germany will appropriate between \$25,000 and \$750,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. Knowles & Gardner's department store, Buffalo, N. Y., was destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$250,000. Governor T. F. C. Garvin, Rhode Island's first Democratic governor in 10 years, was inaugurated yesterday.

Thursday, January 8. The annual exhibition of the New York Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association opened in Madison Square Garden yesterday. It is announced that President Roosevelt will appoint Rev. Dr. Lyons, a colored preacher of Baltimore, as United States minister to Liberia.

Friday, January 9. Emperor William, of Germany, will reach Rome April 26, on a visit to the Italian court. The Bank of Louisville, Neb., was broken into and robbed of \$5,200 early yesterday morning. The explosion of a gas plant at Mapleton, Ia., broke every pane of glass in town and killed two men.

Saturday, January 10. The monument to the Seventy-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers at Chickamauga Park was completed yesterday. The house committee on naval affairs yesterday refused to report the bill to retire Lieutenant Commander Richmond P. Hobson. Governor Nash, of Ohio, issued a proclamation yesterday, calling upon the people of Ohio to observe January 29 as the 60th anniversary of William McKinley's birth.

Monday, January 12. Stepping from his engine, Edward Walsh, a popular Erie engineer, was run down by a passing train and killed at Avoca, Pa. The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada will ask for a charter to do business all over British North America. Lack of coal caused the closing of the Glucose and Sugar Refining Company's plant at Peoria, Ill., throwing 600 men out of work.

Tuesday, January 13. W. J. Bailey was inaugurated as governor of Kansas yesterday. Chief Justice Henry McIver, of South Carolina, died at his home at Cheraw yesterday. The two rail mills of the Maryland Steel company at Sparrows Point was closed on account of lack of coal. While skating on a pond near Whaley's, Del., yesterday 12-year-old Robert Wilson broke through the ice and was drowned.

Wednesday, January 14. Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.60@2.80; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.85@3.00. Flour was quiet, at \$3.20@3.25 per bbl. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 78 1/2@79c. Corn was firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 53c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 51c.; lower grades, 41c. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$19.50@20 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$20. Live poultry, 13c. for hens, and 9@9 1/2c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13 1/2c. for choice fowls, and 10c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 30c. per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 30c. per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 65@68c. per bushel.

GENERAL MARKETS

Live Stock Markets. East Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Cattle were higher; butchers' steers, \$4.25@5; heifers, \$3.50@5; cows, \$2.75@4.50; bulls, \$3@4.50. Veals higher; tops, \$9@9.75; common to good, \$5.50@8.75. Hogs active and higher; heavy, \$6.80@6.55; mixed, \$6.75@6.50; yorkers, \$6.70; pigs, \$6.75; roughs, \$5.75@6.10; stags, \$4.75@5.25. Sheep and lambs were higher; top mixed sheep, \$4.25@4.50; culls to good, \$2@4.15; top lambs, \$6.50@6.75; culls to good, \$4.25@6.50; yearlings, \$5@5.50; ewes, \$4.50@4.75.

East Liberty, Pa., Jan. 12.—Cattle were lower; choice, \$5.40@5.60; prime, \$5.20@5.30; good, \$4.90@5.10. Hogs were active; prime heavies, \$6.80@6.85; mediums, \$6.50; heavy yorkers, \$6.75; light yorkers and pigs, \$6.85@6.70; roughs, \$5@6.30. Sheep were higher; best wethers, \$4.30@4.50; culls and commons, \$1.70@2.50; choice lambs, \$6.25@6.50; real calves, \$5.25@9 per 100 pounds.

ANOTHER AUSTRIAN SCANDAL

Count De Lony Said to Have Deserted the Countess. Vienna, Jan. 13.—Serious differences, according to Die Zeit, have arisen between the Count and Countess de Lony, formerly the Crown Princess Stephanie, during their stay in the south of France. The count left his wife at Mentone January 7 and his present whereabouts is not known. Friends of the count assert that in addition to difficulties in his financial affairs, the count has found his position in society as the husband of the former crown princess of Austria-Hungary to be exceedingly uncomfortable and unpleasant. That the count will seek to obtain a divorce is regarded as by no means improbable.

The disagreement between the couple has long been evident, and it is believed that pecuniary troubles underlie the affair. As a widow the former crown princess enjoyed an income of \$125,000 and had free residence at the imperial palace and the use of carriages and servants. It is reported that the couple married in the belief that Emperor Francis Joseph and King Leopold together would contribute handsomely to their maintenance; in this, however, they were disappointed. The emperor gave the Countess de Lony \$25,000 a year only, while King Leopold stopped her former allowance of \$10,000 a year. The countess consequently tried to meet all the expenses of maintaining her household with one-fifth of her former income, and found the task impossible.

BLOCKADE MUST BE RAISED

Venezuela's Condition Before Adjusting Allies' Claims. Washington, Jan. 13.—Minister Bowen, before leaving La Guaira Sunday on the Dolphin, dispatched a short cablegram to the state department announcing his departure, but not stating what port he expected to make in the United States.

Later advices received here indicate that while Minister Bowen comes as Venezuela's commissioner in negotiations looking to a settlement of the claims of the allies, President Castro has made it a condition that the blockade shall be raised before Mr. Bowen proceeds with the preparation of the protocol for the peaceful adjustment of the claims. Moreover, it now develops that in this request Venezuela is likely to have the support of Italy, The United States, though not a party to the negotiations, of course will throw the weight of its moral influence on the same side. The Italian government does not desire to crush Venezuela, but simply to procure the repayment of claims. The continuance of the blockade by sapping the very life of the country threatens to make it impossible for Venezuela to pay these claims within any reasonable period of time, so that any judgment rendered against her by private arrangement or by The Hague tribunal would be hollow and almost without results.

Promoted On His Death Bed.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The president has selected Colonel Edward M. Hayes, of the Thirteenth Infantry, for appointment as a brigadier general to succeed General John A. Johnston, upon the resignation of the latter, which will follow immediately upon his confirmation by the senate. Colonel Hayes is lying at the point of death at Fort Meade, South Dakota. He is the officer of longest commission in the United States army, which he entered as a boy of 13 years.

Congressman Tongue Dead.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Representative Thomas H. Tongue, of the first congressional district of Oregon, died suddenly at his residence in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon of heart failure following an attack of dyspepsia.

The Age of the Water Clock.

As far back as 2636 B. C. a Chinaman named Hwang Ti discovered the principle of the water clock, or "clepsidra." It was a very crude instrument, chiefly for astronomical purposes, and was committed to the care of an officer known as the "clepsidra adjuster." It consisted of two copper vessels, one above and one below, the former having a hole in the bottom, through which the water percolated into the latter, where there was a float, the gradual rise of which indicated periods of time. Portable contrivances of this description were sometimes carried on horseback.

Instruments constructed on the same principle were in use among the Chaldeans and Egyptians at an early period. The invention in western Asia was independent of that in the east, both being the result of similar wants. Clepsidras were subsequently formed of a series of vessels communicating by tubes passing through figures of dragons and other images, the whole being rendered yet more ornamental by floats held between the hands of genii.

Didn't Blame His Wife.

Wife—You don't seem to enjoy the dinner, dear. What's the matter? Husband—I was wondering if there weren't some typographical errors in that cookbook of yours.—Chicago News.

It Was His "Hello."

"You can't marry my daughter, young man; she is already spoken for." "That's all right; I'm the fellow who telephoned you."—New York Herald.

An Exception.

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