

PITTSBURG, SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1891.

RESULT OF A STRIKE. The Trouble in the Coke Region Will Revolutionize the Iron Trade.

Thousands of Men Idle and Miles of Empty Cars on Sidings. Necessity for Lower Freight Rates.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.) PITTSBURGH, March 6.—The situation among the blast furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys instead of clearing up seems to grow more complicated from day to day, and from week to week, so that no living man can forecast with any reasonable degree of certainty the outcome of these disturbances, which have combined to nullify all activity in the iron line, or to kill the immediate future in iron stores for the iron markets, the pig iron manufacturers and the kindred interests.

One fact, however, stands out most boldly, and that is that the industry in these valleys has never before undergone such a continued period of depression nor have the results that have followed in the wake of this commercial calamity been so general. The number of workers thrown idle, and the money loss to the various interests affected. Probably the first and greatest loss is to the pig iron industry itself. Of a total of 37 stacks in the two valleys fully 30 are inactive, and the estimated daily capacity of these idle furnaces is 5,000 tons of iron in tonnage since the shutdown was inaugurated (January 10) in estimated at nearly 300,000 tons. The mean price of Bessemer and mill irons for the period is \$15, so the money loss by the stoppage of the production of pig iron is fully \$4,500,000.

Thousands of Workmen Idle. The number of workmen thrown idle was estimated at the time the shutdown first went into effect by the officials of the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Iron Manufacturers' Association at 8,000, but owing to the unemployment of all the hands for hands to assist in making repairs about the different furnaces the number of idle workmen has been greatly reduced, and a conservative estimate now places the number at 2,000, and the greater part of this number are railroad employees who have been suspended owing to the lack of traffic.

The railroad interests probably come second in the list of the greatest sufferers. It is very difficult to secure actual figures regarding the loss to the roads by lack of traffic occasioned by the shutdown. At the offices of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Mr. F. W. Niles, the Superintendent, stated that business was never so dull since his connection with the road. He further stated that the volume of the traffic was injured about 35 per cent, and that this loss was almost insignificant compared with the losses sustained by other roads, as the Lake Shore road is only partly affected by the shutdown, they having only their share of the ore shipments from Cleveland, the coke shipments west of this city to Chicago and the pig iron traffic to Cleveland, whereas the Eastern roads have the largest volume of iron tonnage into the valleys and pig iron out of the valleys.

ENDED HER MISERY. A Pretty Young Woman Commits Suicide at the Union Depot.

ALONE, FRIENDLESS AND UNKNOWN. She Tires of Her Troubles and Takes Her Own Young Life.

THE BODY AWAITS IDENTIFICATION. With a long roller to use as a rope, a pretty young Polish girl strangled herself in the toilet room of the ladies' waiting apartments of the Union depot yesterday morning, and was dead before anybody knew of it. The prepossessing appearance of the girl and her actions about the depot before she took her life indicate something more than an insane desire for death, but the mystery surrounding the deed remains unexplained, and whatever her story of wrongs or suffering, she made no explanation and left nothing to show who or what she was.

The girl entered the depot late Thursday evening, and is supposed to have come from Uniontown. At various intervals during the evening she reappeared at the station, scanning anxiously the faces of the crowds that entered the ladies' waiting rooms, where Mrs. Elizabeth Hemp, the matron in charge, noticed her acting restlessly and running to the window frequently to look out.

At the sound of an approaching train she would run out on the platform and watch the passengers filing out through the gate. She spoke repeatedly to herself in an undertone and in a language she did not understand. Mrs. Hemp saw the girl and was agitated over something and endeavored to comfort her. She resisted all the kind efforts, trying to explain her case to the matron in Polish.

The girl spent the whole night in this way. At 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning Officer Fred Zimmerman had just called the train for the west when the girl ran out of the ladies' department. He stopped her and endeavored to find out her troubles. Her only reply was "New York." Officer Zimmerman thought she wanted a ticket to New York and took her over to the ticket window. She declined the ticket as not being what she wanted, making signs that she wanted a penell. The officer gave her one and she went back to the waiting room apparently satisfied. A few minutes later she was seen slipping a slip of brown paper, but paid no more attention to the girl until she got up suddenly and hurried into the toilet room.

Discovery of the Tragedy. The matron waited a short time, and as the girl had not appeared, knocked on the door. There was no response, and after knocking several times the matron ran out and called for assistance. Stationmaster Colburn, Officers Zimmerman and Grady and Porter, George Baird, came to the girl's aid, and after consulting awhile, placed a ladder up to the door and Fairfax climbed up. On looking down the girl was seen to be hanging by her neck. She had been dead several minutes when discovered. Work was at once sent to the morgue and her body was removed there. Her case was found on her person except two small Russian coins and the scrap of brown paper she had written on.

The writing was in Polish and on being translated it was found to be a confession. Please telegraph that I have committed suicide because I did not stay in my native home. EWA BLOCH, Address Wodnoski, No. 12, Chlonska, Waplna, No. 36, in Warszawa, Russian Poland.

How the Unfortunate Was Dressed. Her attire and general appearance would indicate that she was of good breeding and not of the lower classes. Her hair was remarkably pretty, and her figure lithe and slender. She wore a dark cloth dress, with a pink bow and muff, and was enveloped in a long traveling cloak. Her attire was not rich, but was of good quality.

The general supposition is that the girl was waiting for a lover or dear friend and that she had been deceived. Her failure to arrive that she suddenly determined to kill herself. At the morgue a number of people viewed the body, but no one could identify it. Owing to the illness of the matron, only a partial inquiry was held. In the meantime every effort will be put forth to unravel the mystery surrounding the case, and a continuation of the inquest may throw some light on it.

WAKEMAN has visited Yarmouth, and in THE DISPATCH to-morrow will describe all that is left of the scenes upon which Dickens built up his "David Copperfield."

THE POWER OF BEER. It Is Too Much for a Prisoner Who Was Trying to Starve to Death.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., March 6.—Jacob Schiele, the condemned murderer of Constable Drucker, who had announced his determination never to eat again, and had already fasted 12 days, ended his long abstinence yesterday, the moving power having been a bottle of lager beer, which was in his cell.

Some of the abstinence had previously been placed on the abstinence's lips, and when the attendants retired he could not resist the temptation to drink the contents of the bottle. After straining it a marked change came over the faster, and he announced his readiness to partake of food, which was then furnished.

DOINGS IN THE COURTS.

Two Men Who Will Serve Four Years in the Penitentiary for Burglary—Got \$255 Damages From His Landlord for the Death of His Children.

In the Criminal Court yesterday Harry Sinclair and Alexander Langeamp were convicted of breaking into and robbing the hardware store of F. W. Hall, in the East End, on January 30. They were sentenced to the penitentiary for four years each. William Burns was found guilty of assault and battery on his wife and was sent to the workhouse for 30 days. James Hickey was acquitted of a charge of aggravated assault and battery on F. B. Jones. The case of Joseph Joseph Chinc, tried for felonious assault and battery. The jury is out in the case of James Curove and John W. Lewis, tried for murder. D. Pitts of gold watch valued at \$100. During the progress of this trial some testimony was brought out which was the most revolting character, the prosecutor leaving the courtroom for the time being.

MANY INDICTMENTS FOUND.

True Bills Returned in a Large Majority of Yesterday's Cases. The grand jury yesterday returned the following true bills: Andrew Reverend, Daniel Decker, William Barr, Albert Campbell, Harry J. Delrich, James Golden, George Murray, John Papadim, Frank Russell and Heuben against the State for felonious assault and battery; Andrew Olean and George Westler, felonious assault and battery; David Harvey, George Varsoki and Annie Varsoki, aggravated assault; the State against the State for felonious assault and battery; John Kneran and Charles Reese, larceny and receiving stolen goods; John Miller, Mary McCullough, Emil Hess, John Lohik, John Mathes and Henry Meyer, selling liquor without license and keeping a disorderly house; William Bell, alias Jacob Longston, immorality; William Connelly, Ellen Flynn, Connelly, Harry J. Park, Philip L. Wenzel, desertion; George W. Jones, desertion; Charles Dundas, immorality; Clara Gaudin, immorality; James Goske, Thomas Madden and George Madden, larceny and receiving stolen goods; Albert E. Jones, allowing liquor to be drunk on his premises.

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J. CHARLES DICKEN recovered a verdict for \$281 against H. A. Dickson and A. A. Heiser, April 18, 1890, for the sum of \$1,808 35 against the same parties. These were returned on contracts for the manufacture of bricks.

BREAD ON THE WATER.

Colonel Thomas P. Roberts Shows How a Ship Canal Would Carry Food for Working Millions.

POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING A GREAT Grain Market.

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To the Editor of The Dispatch: The export of grain from the port of Philadelphia has greatly declined in importance in recent years, the result chiefly of the lower rates of water freight for doing the business presented by the Erie Canal and the railroads of New York radiating from Buffalo. In its most palmy days it was all, or nearly all, "through grain," that is, shipped by all rail routes from Chicago which passed through Pittsburg destined for the elevators on the Delaware river. As little or none of it could claim the benefit of lake transport for any part of the distance, the opportunities for profit in handling it were confined only during the five-month period of each year when the lakes and the Erie Canal were closed, when the rates were advanced on all the railroads 60 per cent.

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THE QUEEN OF SPADES.

The Queen of Spades denotes ill-luck. Complete Fortune-Teller. There was a card party at the rooms of Narouff, a lieutenant in the Horse Guards. A long winter night had passed unnoticed, and it was 5 o'clock in the morning when supper was served. The winners sat down to table with an excellent appetite; the losers left their plates remain empty before them. Little by little, however, with the assistance of the champagne, the conversation became animated, and was shared by all.

"How did you get on this evening, Surin?" said the host to one of his friends. "Oh, I lost, as usual. I really have no luck. I play mirando. You know that I keep cool. Nothing moves me; I never change my play, and yet I always lose." "Do you mean to say that this evening you did not once back the red?" Your firmness of character surprises me." "What do you think of Hermann?" said one of the party, pointing to a young engineer officer. "That fellow never made

wards touch a card as long as he lived. According to Tshapitzki went to Zurich, and asked \$5,000 reeve. On the first card he won, he doubled the stake, and was again. Continuing his system he ended by gaining more than he had lost.

MANY TIES THAT GALL.

Just Half a Dozen Suits for Divorce Begun Yesterday. Six divorces suits were entered yesterday in Common Pleas Court No. 2. Cruelly was the ground alleged in the cases of Emma Smith against Thomas Smith, and Nellie Madden against Michael Madden. Infidelity was charged in the case of Thomas P. Caspock against A. P. Caspock. Desertion was alleged in the case of Charles Lazaran against Sarah Lutz. The couple were married November 6, 1882, and Mrs. Lutz deserted her husband on April 4, 1887, after nearly 25 years of wedded life.

THE LATEST BALLET REFORM.

Minnesota Solons Object to the Exposure of the Female Form Divine. ST. PAUL, March 6.—In committee of the whole the Senate has recommended that the following bill be passed: That any female person who shall, upon the stage or platform, in any theater, opera house, concert hall, or any public place whatever, where other persons are present, expose her body, or any part thereof, or any part of her person, or in any manner whatever so that the shape and form of her person, or any part thereof, shall be visible to other persons present, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail not less than 30 days nor more than 90.

Another Wait Cared For.

Dr. George Perman, Superintendent of the Poor of Lawrence county, was at the Department of Charities yesterday, and made arrangements for the adoption of a child. She is to be given a home in a New Castle family.

Says His Partner Robbed Him.

A hearing was given yesterday by Squire Gripp in the case of Amens Boyd who is charged by Joseph Johnston with embezzling \$100. Both men are colored and were partners in a billiard room at 3003 Penn avenue. Each was charged with directly opposite to the other and decision was reserved.

Repeal Ordered for the Nicerly Boys.

Sheffield Good, of Somerset county, yesterday gave Alderman Bupp, of Woodbury Run, an order for two ropes, to be used at the execution of the Nicerly brothers on April 2. The ropes will be shipped next Monday. Alderman Bupp will also be present at the execution.

What's in a Name?

Gamble Wer died Thursday evening at the City Farm from inflammation of the bowels. He was the little foundling who was picked up on a elder bank out Second avenue several weeks ago, named after the Superintendent of Police. The little fellow was about 6 months old.

Best Quality Blaritz Gloves, 90c.

All the new shades in suede and glass lace gloves for ladies and children; button, lace and mosquitoette, \$1 to \$4. Try our new seamless glove, perfect fitting. Write for a list of styles. A. G. CAMPBELL & SONS, 27 Fifth Avenue.

The Festive Easter Bonnet. The time of the festive Easter bonnet is rapidly approaching, and heads of families are quaking in their boots in anticipation thereof. Marvin's Easter creams are just as lovely and delightful as the daintiest of bonnets, and they don't cost anything like as much. Ask your grocer for them. THE

Continuation of the Queen of Spades story and other text from the adjacent page.