

THE LABOR DIFFICULTY

At the Homestead Mills Discussed by a Local Trade Journal—The Facts and the Figures Given to the Public.

Under the caption, "The Homestead Labor Difficulty," the American Manufacturer and Iron World in its issue of July 1 editorially says:

It is with unmeasured regret that we hear that all hope of a peaceful settlement of the labor difficulties at Homestead has been abandoned and that a strike seems inevitable. This means that the workmen have taken the lead of the Amalgamated Association, and most of them must for a while at least, as the works cannot be kept in operation while the places of the Amalgamated workmen are unfilled, that 3,500 men will be idle at Homestead before this paper finds its readers to-morrow, and that the \$300,000 that are monthly distributed will be unearned for a time at least.

It is possible that the controversy at Homestead would be less bitter if the general public were better informed as to the facts and figures which are the basis of the controversy.

As we understand the situation at Homestead three questions are involved: First, the reduction of the scale from \$3.00 to \$2.50 for 44 Bessemer billets.

Second—A change in the date of the expiration of the scale from June 30 to December 31.

Third—A reduction in tonnage rates at those furnaces and mills where important improvements have been made and new machinery has been added.

As to the first question, it may be well to point out to those who do not understand the methods of paying the mill hands, that the scale is not based on the selling price of the steel, but on the cost of the steel.

As to the second question, the change of date of the expiration of the scale. There is argument on both sides. It is well that a manufacturer should be able to plan his business for the year accordingly; but on the other hand if a contract must be made for the year, it is better that it should be in summer than in winter.

But after all the important question at issue is the third. The reduction in tonnage rates. There is a decided misunderstanding in the public mind as to what is covered by this proposed reduction. How many are affected and what the effect of the proposed reduction will be on earnings.

The proposed reduction in tonnage rates applies only to three departments in the plant, viz.: 32" slabbing mill, 19" plate mill, Open-hearth furnaces.

Of the 3,500 employed at the works only some 250 men are affected by these tonnage reductions, and the total number of employees who are affected both by the reduction in tonnage rates and in the scale minimum including the 200 is less than 450, not 10 per cent of the employees. There is, as is stated above, no reduction proposed in any mill or furnace at which the output has not been very greatly increased since the 1892-93 scale went into effect, and further, as the proposed reduction in tonnage rates the earnings will in almost every case be greater than the earnings under the 1892 scale.

For the first five months of the Homestead Steel Works wages scale, which expires June 30, 1892, the average monthly production of the departments for which a new scale was proposed, as presented by The Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, to the Amalgamated Association, were as follows:

32" slabbing mill, 7,051 tons. 19" plate mill, 4,405 tons. Open-hearth furnaces, 240 tons per turn. While the tonnage for May, 1892, were:

32" slabbing mill, 9,235 tons. 19" plate mill, 5,228 tons. Open-hearth furnaces, 285 tons per turn. Showing a tonnage increase in—

32" slabbing mill of, 28.4 per cent. 19" plate mill of, 18.8 per cent. Open-hearth furnaces of, 17.5 per cent.

A comparison of the wages paid in representative positions at the beginning of the 1892 scale, with those which would be earned under the proposed 1892-93 scale, shows as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Rate, Daily, Rate Daily, Min. Rate. Rows include 12 hours, 10 hours, 8 hours for various positions.

These statements need but little comment, they cover all the mills and furnaces at which reductions are proposed, and fully justify the statements made above as to the increase of output and equality of earnings under the new scale.

Regarding prices. Since the scale of 1889 went into effect there has been a decided drop in prices. In July, 1892, the American Manufacturer's quotations on billets, which, as is stated above, were taken under the contract, as the selling price, were \$27.00.

The price gradually increased during 1890 until, at the close of the year, the quotations were \$36.00. There was a gradual decline in 1891 until at its close quotations were \$25.75. In 1891 the highest quotation was \$33.00, the lowest \$23.50. For these 2 1/2 years, therefore, the quotations were never below the minimum of the old scale. Immediately after the close of 1891 they began to drop, and quotations for 1892 have been as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Price. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July.

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If the claims made as to increased output are true, and that they are, the above statement taken from the Homestead books abundantly proves, it seems to us that the Carnegie Steel Company are justified in asking for a reduction. The reduction in selling price to \$25.00 below the minimum adds to this justification.

As to what this reduction should be, that is a question of earnings. If there is any justice in the sliding scale principle scales should not remain at the same rates of wages, when the tonnage which the scales are based on, as when they sell at \$25.00.

NEUROUS PROSTRATION. The Result of Neglected Colds—Statement of Mr. Robert Klein, Who Was Cured of This Most Distressing Affection.

Perhaps no one is better known in Beltschover the lovely little borough which overlooks Pittsburgh on the south, than Mr. Robert Klein, who makes this statement in introduction of Dr. Copeland, Hall and Byers' treatment.

"I had been troubled with catarrh and kindred ailments for five years," says Mr. Klein, "brought on by exposure. My occupation is that of driving delivery wagons for my father, who is engaged in the grocery business in Beltschover, and this duty compelled me to face all kinds of weather, summer and winter."

"My trouble first began with headaches over forehead and through temples. Soon after I noticed my nostrils were generally closed so I could not breathe freely through them, and mucus began dropping back into my throat, causing me to have a hoarse voice. I was particularly troubled in the morning. I had to cough and spit for some time before I could get on my feet."

Mr. Robert Klein, Beltschover Borough.

When I would get up in the morning I would grow nauseated and feel full and bloated in a little while, causing belching up of gas and palpitation of the heart and great dizziness. My eyes grew weak and watery and I soon noticed distressing roaring or buzzing noises in my ears, with shooting pains through chest to shoulder blades. My mind grew confused, I could not concentrate my thoughts on any subject and finally could not add up a column of figures correctly. My sleep grew troubled by dreams and I could not get up in the morning unrefreshed and feeling as if I had slept on a board all night.

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