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WHO IS TO BLAME?

It is very evident that the people have got to pay a very high price for coal this winter, how high it is very hard, as yet, to determine. The subject is one of absolutely universal interest, for the amount of coal this winter, now and in the future, will be very large, and the variety of human business and life. Everybody, in his home and in his business, is interested in the price of coal, and everybody but the coal operator is interested in having the price as low as possible.

Who is to blame that we are approaching the winter season with every prospect of a stringent prices in the coal market? The question is easily asked, but it is sure to receive a variety of conflicting answers. Some England and New York, blame the tariff, and cry for a removal of the duty on foreign coal. One class of people blame the operators who, in the Lehigh region, have been growing not stoutly, against the increasing demands of the miners. They argue that this is reducing the stock of coal, and so raising the price. They believe that these operators will eventually succumb to the exactions of the miners, and then, with their increased expenses and their diminished stock, the price must go up. An opposite class denounce the operators who have surrendered to the miners, and insist that a united stand against the tyranny of the Miners' Union is the true principle, and must result in bringing the turbulent population of the coal district to terms. Among these conflicting theories, who is really to blame?

As in many similar cases, in other departments of human society, the blame for the present state of affairs, so injurious in its effects upon all classes in the community, is probably to be divided. The immediate fault lies in the fact that coal owners and operators have, under existing circumstances, no real control of their own property and business. They hold their property, their business and their very personal, at the pleasure of their employés, who, by absolute masters of the situation, controlling not only the whole coal trade of the State, but also the elections in the coal counties, so that the operators of the law for the protection of the lives and properties of citizens, and the suppression of outlawry and violence are practically suspended. Not only do the miners dictate to their employers the amount of coal to be mined, and the wages to be paid, and the agents to be employed, but they also own the sheriffs and other officers of the law, and so control the only machinery by which the State authority can legally interpose lawfully in behalf of the peaceable protection of this great branch of Pennsylvania's industries. Mining superintendents and agents perform their duties at the constant peril of their lives; terrorism is the ruling law in the whole coal region; and not only the coal operators but the whole people of this country are at the mercy of what are little better than organized mobs, living in a state of practical chronic rebellion against the laws of the State.

This state of affairs is the legitimate result of the trades' union principle. The coal-miners are banded together in trades' unions, and are giving the country a full exposition of the natural fruit of the system. The secret societies of "Molly Maguires" and "Bucksticks," and other murderous bodies are, to all intents and purposes, subcommittees of these coal unions. Under their lawless rule, anarchy, outrage, assassination and terrorism reign supreme in almost every coal district of the State. The country is neglected by the coal dependents, have no disposition to interfere or to invoke the aid of the State authorities, and it is under this state of affairs that the coal operators of Pennsylvania carry on their mines, and it is not remarkable that, when the miner can demand and receive the most ruinously exorbitant wages, that the price of coal should go up to the point which is threatened for the coming winter.

Immediately, the blame, then, rests with the miners and the trades' union system. Primarily, it rested with the owners and operators, who succumbed to that system when they could have resisted it. In the jealous eagerness of their competition, the operators were not willing to stand together, at the outset, upon the indisputable right of every man to control and manage his own business. When one set of operators opposed the extravagant demands of the unions, or strove to punish the lawless outrages of the assassin-bands of coal-miners, another was ready to yield to the demands and wink at the outrages, for the sake of getting their coal to market. The strong pressure of their customers, many of whom are always ready to pay any advance rather than risk a failure of supply, was added to the natural desire to be doing business, and so the great evil, fostered by indulgence and then presented with strength, has grown, until, to-day, the problem of its management is almost impossible to solve.

There is no different principle involved here than that which governs the whole trades' union question. The unrighteous and unreasonable claim that one set of men shall control, not their own labor—labor is no dispute on that point,—but the labor and the capital of other sets of men, lies at the bottom of this whole difficulty. It is established in all the ugliness of its results in the condition of the coal regions, simply because the large number of miners in adjacent localities has enabled the system to bear its full fruitage of evil. The carpenter, the mason, the mechanic in any branch of trade, who feels the direct and indirect pinch of the high price of coal during the coming winter, should comfort himself that it is the natural result of the extreme to which the trades' union principle has been pushed.

The responsibility of the oppressively high prices of fuel, falling far more oppressively on the poor than on the rich, and of the disgraceful and alarming terrorism that prevails in the coal districts is largely to be shared by that portion of the public press, which, under the influence of cowardice or self-interest, has catered to the tyrannical spirit of the trades'-unions, and fostered it, until it has reached its present domineering attitude and almost uncontrollable proportions. It is radically unsound in its theory, wrong in its pretensions, and grossly unjust in its practices, and yet there are plenty of influential newspapers too fearful of offending their readers to speak a word of protest against a system which is inflicting such grievous wrongs upon society and making those wrongs felt at every freside, as well as in every workshop and factory and industrial establishment in the land.

The coal operators have been to blame for their remarkable policy in the past; the coal operatives, the excesses of the trades'-union system and the public journals that cater to it, are responsible for the present condition of affairs. Between these two primary and secondary causes of the inordinate prices of coal, which must ultimately prove so damaging to the whole coal interest of Pennsylvania, different people will adjust the responsibility in different proportions, but that it rests between them, there can be no reasonable doubt.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The theatrical season in this city will begin to-night at the Walnut Street Theatre, with a new sensational play, which is not, however, to be considered as an indication of the character of the winter campaign. This theatre is especially the patron of "stars," and it has already announced engagements with several of the highest in the profession—with Edwin Booth, Jefferson, John S. Clarke, Edwin Forrest, Kate Bateman, Mrs. D. P. Bowers, and others. The company is, we hear, a good one. Those members of it with whom the public are familiar, such as Mr. and Mrs. Walcot, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, and Mr. Fawcett, are very excellent and very popular actors, and we are assured that several of the new members have unusual ability. The difficulty with this theatre last year, was, that some of the minor actors were wholly unfit for any higher duties than the carrying out of chairs and tables; the presentation of cards on a silver salver; the announcement of the name of a lady, which there is an injunction of secrecy until the arrangements are matured.

At the Academy of Music we are to have no opera bouffe and no Gallic indecency, but plenty of legitimate opera of the best kind. The Richings-Bernard troupe, will appear on the 6th of September, with, Mr. Henry Haigh, a magnificent tenor, and Mlle. Blanche Ellsworth, one of the most popular of American singers. Several new operas—fortunately—have been placed in the repertoire. Pampa-Rosa with her company, including Messrs. Castle and Campbell and the Seguins, come next, and promise well. After these, we are to have a French company in serious opera of the highest class. A number of new compositions will be produced by this troupe. Later in the season we shall have German opera from a company at the head of which is Wachtel, the famous German tenor, who will appear for the first time in this country. Besides these entertainments announced, there will be the usual number of miscellaneous concerts, and possibly some dramatic performances by Japanese, who has devoted his holiday so successfully to the study of the English language that she contemplates using that tongue upon the stage.

So we shall have plenty of pure, healthy, legitimate amusement, very little poor foreign burlesque, and no indecent French operas. Most of these entertainments will be sure of receiving liberal support, but we hope our citizens will deal more generously than has been their custom with our domestic musicians, and give their countenance and their cash to sustain their efforts to advance the cause of popular musical education in this city.

Possibly the great cause of Democratic discontent with President Grant's finishing is not so much the mere fact of his absence from home, as the character of the amusements in which he indulges. A President who disgraces himself by dodging about in the surf, treating a measure of the "Lancers," driving a degraded animal at the rate of a mile in two and a half minutes, smoking cigars, visiting a theatre on Sunday, and shaking hands with all comers and friends, is certainly unworthy of the respect of those of his fellow-citizens who have regarded Andrew Johnson as a mere "jumkester." To have endeared himself to these persons, and won high encomiums, President Grant should have traveled through ten or fifteen States, and made blackguard speeches from the platforms of the cars, denouncing Congress, reviling his political enemies, haudying slang with his audiences and making a vulgar exhibition of himself generally; or else he should have visited the grave of some one of his relations as A. J. did, and there wept tears, and made political speeches, relieved occasionally with autobiographical anecdotes of his early years. When Andrew Johnson was swinging round the circle he made the cheek of every decent American tingle with shame at the spectacle of a drunken President haranguing rowdy crowds, the Democratic press had no words but of praise for him. It is a pity that they cannot be content to permit General Grant to enjoy a quiet holiday like a gentleman without assailing him.

The New York *World* has the following comment, this morning, upon our recent remarks on the Hester Vaughan case:

"The physicians (Dr. Susan A. Smith) having casually commented upon the immunity of the real culprit in the case, the father of Hester Vaughan's child, the Philadelphia paper intimates very plainly that that person is a negro; which may or may not be true, but which the Philadelphia paper states as if it were an unmerchantable reason why he should not be punished. That is to say, as between a White woman who has no vote and an African man who has, or is likely to have, Pennsylvania justice and Pennsylvania chivalry lean to the colored side. This, if not altogether pleasing, is frank.

We may safely challenge the *Age* and the whole Democratic press to out-do the above quotation, in its gross and wilful perversion of the truth of the case. There was no casual comment upon the immunity of the real culprit," but there was a deliberate repetition of the so-called fable about "the high social position" of saintly Hester's paramour, which we again exposed as it deserved to be exposed. There was not the remotest hint that the family father of Hester Vaughn's child "should be punished," and the *World* knew it when it published the above paltry falsehood. To attempt to make political capital out of such execrable statements as those we have quoted from the *World*, indicates a desperate death to honest ammunition in the Democratic camp.

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[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, August 14.—The Southern Democratic papers received this morning are nearly all bad very bitter articles against President Grant for endorsing the Radical Republicans of Mississippi. Those in Virginia and Southern Maryland especially indicate apprehensions that President Grant will republicanize the Walker wing of the Republican party of that State. Uneasiness is felt among the Conservatives at the announcement that President Grant will support General Canby in exacting the oath of peace from the members-elect of the Virginia Legislature, and there are signs of yielding to the demands of the Radical Republicans in effecting a compromise.

Indian Affairs.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Ex-Governor Hancock, who has been visiting the various forts on the Upper Missouri river, in Dacotah, are to the effect that the Sioux Indians are all manifest every disposition to continue at peace with the whites. No disturbance has occurred unless some provocation has been given. The amount of Indian supplies required the annual demonstrations of warfare, resulting in the loss of many lives and a large expenditure of money.

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[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Prominent Republicans here say that if Johnson persists in sending to the Senate from Tennessee they will vigorously advocate the rejection of any such nominee by the Senate from Massachusetts, to succeed Henry Wilson. It is certain that if Johnson sets into the Senate, there will be a very strong movement here among the extreme radicals to transfer Butler from the House to the Senate in expectation that he will be a match for Johnson in all his schemes.

Terrible Railroad Accident.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 14.—A fatal accident happened on the Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad, one mile this side of Dauphin, this morning at 4 o'clock. The Buffalo express of the Northern Central Railway, which left here at 3.15, when at the Dauphin station struck a rock, three feet in diameter and 1,500 pounds in weight, which had rolled down the mountain, and dragged the train about thirty feet when the engine left the track and shot over a stone wall fifteen feet high in the country road, and thence through another stone wall into the Pennsylvania canal. The engine, tender and three express cars loaded principally with peaches, were smashed to pieces and are a complete wreck, blocking up the canal for a long distance. The engineer and passengers, was jammed into the wreck, but no passengers were killed, some being slightly injured and bruised.

The scene was frightful, and the passengers were extricated with great difficulty. Only two persons were killed, one a boy of Baltimore, engineer, and Jacob Crissman, of Harrisburg. They were both almost mutilated and blackened.

The baggage master, whose car went into the canal, was only slightly bruised, and went off with the express. The engineer, who died in an hour after the accident, suffering great agony, was the only one who was killed.

Coroner Hartter called an inquest at 11 A. M., which rendered a verdict that the accident was attributed to the North Central Railroad company for employes, it having but paid for the right of way, and that they are not covered severely the Susquehanna and Schuylkill company for not having a watchmen at this point, which has long been considered by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, owing to the overhanging rocks. The damage to the express company is large.

From Washington.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Secretary Boutwell's report, which will be published in a few days, on a fishing excursion.

Commissioner Rollins has been absent for several days, on a fishing excursion.

Admiral Hoff will await the arrival of Admiral Poor before proceeding North. He will transfer his pennant to the Severn upon arriving at the Navy Yard.

The weather is extremely warm, with a slight breeze.

[Correspondence of the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, August 14.—The cause of Cowley vs. The Galveston, Harrisburg and Harrisburg Railroad Company will be heard by Chief Justice Chase on the 31 inst. This case involves the ownership of the road between Galveston and Austin, now the most valuable road in Texas, receiving $6,000 to $10,000 per mile annually, and being the only road across the coast. The suit is brought to forclose mortgages on the road of over $300,000, and is resisted by the parties who have purchased under execution. A decree for the sale of the road was made by Judge Watson, of Texas, last year, and the question now arising before Judge Swayne relate to the settlement of the accounts and the liability of the railroad stock and station buildings to the mortgages. The counsel for the bondholders is W. G. Hale; for the defendant, W. P. Ballinger, C. C. Tracy and Hon. J. Black; for the Receiver, F. A. Sharp.

Alexander Fulton was to-day re-commissioned as Superintendent of Internal Revenue without regard to territory.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has suspended the Assistant Assessors in North Carolina and Tennessee, from $5 to $6 per day, and in the Gulf States from $6.30 to $6 per day, and in the States and Territories on the Pacific from $8 to $7 per day.

Assistant Surgeon Erasmus C. Dunning is detached from the Dictator and ordered to the Colorado. Assistant Surgeon James M. Scott from the Juniata and ordered to the Dictator. The Price to the Severn is revoked, and he is ordered to the Juniata.

Reduction of the Public Debt.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, August 14.—It is expected that there will not be much reduction if any in the public debt for the present month, on account of the heavy drafts made on the sinking fund by the Interior Department. Such drafts are to warrant for this purpose amounted to about $10,000,000.

Destructive Fire in New York.

CANTON, St. Lawrence county, Aug. 14.—This morning a fire was discovered in the basement of R. Caldwell's store, in Union block, which resulted in the total destruction of all the buildings below the Post-office. The property destroyed was as follows: Post-office, loss $3,000—insured for $3,500; T. Caldwell & Co., loss $10,000—insured for $5,000; A. J. Gage, building and stock, loss $16,000—insured for $10,000; H. P. Benton, loss on stock, $2,000—insured for $500; J. Schrickler & Co., loss $2,000—fully insured; T. W. Lawrence, loss $300—no insurance; A. T. Weaver, loss $1,000—insured for $500; J. Hale, loss $1,500—partially insured; Cooke & Smith, loss $2,000—$500 fully insured; Dr. C. Smith, loss $2,000—insured for $1,000; Henry Smith, loss $12,000—insured for $6,000; W. Bacon, loss $3,000—insured for $1,000; Lawrence & Irwin, loss $2,000—insured for $1,000. The fire was no wind, and through the exertions of citizens the Hodgkin House was saved.

Judicial Proceedings.

CHICAGO, August 14.—The United States District-Attorney, last evening filed a bill seeking to have the constitutional and void the act of the last Legislature of Illinois, granting a charter to certain railroad companies for depots. The bill proceeds on two grounds, viz.: that the grant is in derogation of the rights of the United States in revenue, for the use of the public, and also an interference with the navigation, which, by the Constitution of the United States, is subject to the sole jurisdiction of Congress.

Steamboat Collision.

PORT HURON, Michigan, Aug. 14.—The steamer Lake Superior and the propeller Cornelia collided near the mouth of the St. Clair river last night. The latter sank in fifteen minutes after the collision. The passengers and crew were brought to Port Hudson by the Corner.

Railroad Accident.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—The train of last evening's excursion of St. Paul Church, Evanston, ran off the track near St. Paul. Patrick O'Connor, fireman, Charles Page, engineer, was seriously injured. Charles Hoffman, Jr., baggage-master, was injured slightly.

CITY BULLETIN.

HOSPITALITIES TO SECRETARY ROBESON.—The following correspondence explains itself:

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, August 10, 1869. Hon. G. M. Robeson, Dear Sir: Understanding that the Hon. Secretaries of the Navy and the Treasury, accompanied by General Sherman and Commodore Alden will be in our city for a few days, and being aware that most of the members of the Union League are absent, and that you cannot, therefore, avail yourselves of the hospitalities of the League, we extend to these gentlemen the hospitalities of our house, and we shall be pleased to receive you (the only member of the Guest Committee now in the city) at any time that may suit you at the League House, at such time as you may wish to confer with your associates in the management.

Under ordinary circumstances we know their presence in this community could not occur without notice by our citizens, and it is only the absence of most of the latter which induces our interference.

The admiration with which these gentlemen are regarded by our citizens, and the welcome would insure them a warm welcome here at any time, and we feel that it would should not be less than exhibit so much of it as would be implied by the course we suggest.

Very respectfully, yours,

[Signed] Your obedient servants,

JAS. H. ORNE,
GEO. S. CLARK,
JNO. SELLERS,
E. W. CLARK, JR.,
LINDLEY SMITH,
JAS. H. SELLERS.

PHILADELPHIA, August 13, 1869.—*Gentlemen:* Secretary Robeson, Secretary Boutwell and Chief Engineer Sherman, one mile this side of Dauphin, this morning at 4 o'clock. The Buffalo express of the Northern Central Railway, which left here at 3.15, when at the Dauphin station struck a rock, three feet in diameter and 1,500 pounds in weight, which had rolled down the mountain, and dragged the train about thirty feet when the engine left the track and shot over a stone wall fifteen feet high in the country road, and thence through another stone wall into the Pennsylvania canal. The engine, tender and three express cars, loaded principally with peaches, were smashed to pieces and are a complete wreck, blocking up the canal for a long distance. The engineer and passengers, was jammed into the wreck, but no passengers were killed, some being slightly injured and bruised.

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