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ANOTHER READING COMBINE

The Rickety Road Is Scooped Up by the Vanderbilts.

MR. McLEOD'S DEAL DISCOUNTED

An Arrangement Effected for a Combine That Will Control the Anthracite Coal Trade—The Principal Coal Roads Will Be in It.

New York, May 17.—The best obtainable information is that a deal of gigantic proportions has been completed by the purchase in the stock market of a combine of a majority of the stock of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

The acquisition of the stock began a month ago, and at the close of business today it aggregated, it is said, 500,000 shares out of a total of 800,000. The possession of the Reading is the principal part of a scheme of the combine for the control of the anthracite coal trade.

The First National Bank party first secured the New Jersey Central railroad some five years ago. Two years ago they allied themselves with the Vanderbilts in gaining control of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad.

Regarding the Tonnage. The anthracite tonnage of all lines in 1894 was 42,657,029, and it was divided among the various roads by percentages as follows: Philadelphia and Reading, 19.64; Lehigh Valley 18.49; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 13.50; Central Railroad of New Jersey, 12.36; Delaware and Hudson, 9.32; Erie and Wyoming Valley, 4.51; New York, Lake Erie and Western (Pennsylvania Coal company), 4.36; New York, Susquehanna and Western, 3.36; Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill (Coxe Bros. & Co.), 2.33; New York, Ontario and Western, 2.33.

It will be seen by the figures given that the roads which the syndicate dominates had last year 54.23 per cent. of the entire tonnage. Mr. Morgan is all powerful in the New York, Lake Erie and Western, and it will join with the syndicate in its plan. It also controls the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad. The Pennsylvania railroad will be brought in by Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, who handle the road's bond issues and other financial undertakings and with whom Mr. Morgan is connected. For another thing the Vanderbilts have an actual contract with the Pennsylvania, by which they agree to protect and promote each others interests. In fact, its concurrence in the deal is known to have been secured. Thus 72.41 per cent. of the tonnage is consolidated. The Lehigh Valley and the other roads will be glad to join in the programme of the syndicate, for they will profit by it peculiarly.

Reorganization to Follow. The financial reorganization of the Reading is to follow in short order. The company will on July 1 be in default on the interest on the general mortgage bonds for two years. The amount that will then be owed on this account is \$3,544,400.

Other obligations, which must be taken care of are receivers' certificates, \$2,500,000; floating debt, \$4,000,000; car trusts, \$3,000,000, and miscellaneous \$1,500,000. In addition there is a claim against the company on account of the Poughkeepsie bridge guarantee of \$1,300,000. The minimum anthracite production at present is 40,000,000 tons a year. The circular prices of coal are \$1 to \$1.25 a ton less than they were a year ago. An advance of 50 cents a ton could be made without increasing the cost to consumers. The difference would come out of the middlemen's profits and it would add \$20,000,000 a year to the amount received for the coal. As a fact existing circular prices are cut 50 cents or more a ton.

Production to Be Restricted. The intention of the combine is to compel absolute adherence to the circular prices. It can do so by restricting production to actual consumption. The Reading is now able to earn the interest on the general mortgage bonds and on the small issues of bonds ahead of them, but has not been able to earn in addition the interest on the floating debt, car trusts, etc. With the latter obligations out of the way it could at the increased prices for coal pay the regular interest on the general mortgage bonds and the prior lien bonds, together with per cent on all classes of the income bonds except the deferred incomes which are not entitled to anything until 6 per cent. has been paid on the stock, and there would still be a balance left for the stock.

When A. A. McLeod, then president of the Reading, made his great deal three years ago, by which he put under one management the Reading, Jersey Central, Lehigh Valley and New York and New England roads, he calculated on securing a permanent advance of \$1.00 a ton in circular prices for coal. Mr. McLeod's programme was upset by his courts, because in some respects it conflicted with Pennsylvania and New Jersey laws. The combine which has been buying Reading stock has formulated its plan so as to avoid trouble of this kind.

ARCHBISHOP'S JUBILEE.

Interesting Features of the Celebration Yesterday.

Boston, May 17.—The feature of this forenoon's celebration of Archbishop Williams' jubilee was a children's celebration. The members of the religious order and delegations of pupils from the academies, high schools, parochial schools and orphan asylums, from all parts of the arch-diocese, assembled in the cathedral, where a solemn high mass was celebrated. Archbishop Williams assisted, and at the conclusion of the services gave his blessings to the congregation.

Added interest was given the occasion by the presence of the archbishop of an all painting of himself in behalf of the union. Thomas M. Watson, president of the Catholic union, made a brief address, and Miss Katharine E. Conway contributed a poem, which was read by the Hon. Thomas J. Gargan. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered. A select chorus of sixty vocalists represented the leading churches of the city. Cardinal Gibbons left Boston today for New York, whence he sails for Europe, Saturday. Monsignor Stollitt returned to Washington tonight.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

Dun and Company Offer Much That Is Consoling, Through the Skies Are Not Entirely Clear.

New York, May 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will prove for the most part encouraging. The severe cold snap, with extensive frosts and in some states snow, has, fortunately, done little damage to the great crops, though much to fruit, but has considerably retarded retail trade.

The news of the week is the advance of 10 per cent. in wages by the Carnegie works, followed by the Jones-Laughlin establishment and evidently implying a similar advance by many other concerns. The Illinois Steel company is starting its furnaces without granting the demands of employees. No advance has been found practicable in the woolen mills, where conditions are very different and about 10,000 workers are still idle at Olneyville, where the work should consume 600,000 pounds per week. In other departments of labor troubles are not serious, and the demand for manufactured products increased.

With material and steady enlargement in domestic trade there is still great want of employment in the interior for money which comes hither, \$3,500,000 during the past week, and with the millions distributed by the syndicate on bond accounts stimulates speculation.

Advances in wages of iron workers by Mr. Frick, of the Carnegie company, are as significant as were the advance in wages of coke workers by the Frick Coke company. Apparently it is a strategic movement in the great battle between iron producing interests, although it is generally interpreted as a purely selfish move on the part of the syndicate to warrant a material advance in wages and prices.

Foreign trade for the week shows a heavy decrease, 36 per cent. compared with last year in exports, and the decrease in May this year is about 28 per cent. On the other hand the imports for May increase less than 2 per cent. In consequence of the enormous retail trade has materially decreased, the excess of expenditures over receipts for the month thus far being \$5,727,677. Failures during the past week have been 211 in the United States against 219 last year, and 37 in Canada against 24 last year.

WORK OF JACK FROST.

Early Fruit Is Destroyed in Many Sections of the State.

Bellefonte, Pa., May 17.—An unusually heavy frost last night put an effectual end to the hopes of early produce and fruit growers of this county. Owing to clouded skies this section had not suffered much from the cold snap that was thought to have passed by yesterday. This morning, however, the ground was white with frost and corn, potatoes, fruit trees and early garden truck are frozen black.

York, Pa., May 17.—This county was visited by a killing frost last night. Early vegetables and small fruits are badly damaged. The minimum temperature during the night was 24 degrees.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 17.—This section of the country was visited by heavy frosts last night. In some places ponds were frozen over this morning. It is feared the early gardening and fruit trees are greatly damaged. The oldest residents there has never been such a heavy frost in May in their recollection.

Persons Arrested. Lancaster, Pa., May 17.—A pension agent Edwin Bookmyer was arrested here last night on a charge of pension irregularities preferred before United States Commissioner Montgomery by Special Agent Jenks of the pension bureau. It is alleged that Bookmyer charged applicants a greater amount than allowed by law. Bookmyer was held in \$1,500 bail. Complaint has also been made against his daughter, Ella, in the same connection. She was arrested this morning, and she and her father were given a hearing before United States Commissioner Montgomery. The commissioner held each of the defendants in \$1,500 bail for trial at court in Philadelphia next week.

Needs to Be Retired. Washington, May 17.—The president has decided to comply with Admiral Meade's request to be placed on the retired list, and that officer's active career will be terminated on Monday next. An order retiring a naval officer does not relieve him of responsibilities for any act while on duty since his detachment should his superior officers order an investigation into any matters previously arising.

STATE SNAP SHOTS.

Reading Baptists have closed their association convention. Tons of iron ore in a mine near Lancaster crushed to death Andrew Britts. Allegheny county folks have \$76,000,000 on interest, a gain in one year of \$3,000,000. Golden Eagles in convention at Williamsport decided to meet next year at Altoona. Schuylkill county's floating debt is \$125,000. The treasury is empty and a big loan is probable. Reading's Veteran Legion officially protests against Chicago's Confederate monument dedication on Memorial Day.

CAUGHT BY FALLING WALL

Fatal Results of a Chicago Contractor's Carelessness.

LIST OF KILLED AND INJURED

A Portion of the Wall of a Burned Building Falls Upon a Gang of Workmen—Similar Accident at Providence.

Chicago, May 17.—While fifteen men were engaged this afternoon in tearing down the walls of the Globe Molding works, which was burned six weeks ago, one of the walls fell in a heap without warning to the workmen with fatal results.

Dead—William Mangie, 38 years old, fatally injured—James Carbine, 27 years old, single, Monrovia, Ill.; skull fractured and body crushed.

Injured—Thomas Burns, 35 years old, married, Chicago; scalp, wounds and body bruised. A. Tarloosky, bruised. The other workmen managed to rush from under the falling mass of bricks and mortar just in time to escape injury and at once began to dig out the unfortunate ones, dead or imprisoned, under the debris. Firemen and police officers came in to assist in the work of rescue. While they were at work there came another crash, accompanied by the warning cries of the assembled men, women and children. At the same instant part of another wall came crashing down and a panic prevailed among the people. The mortar and brick fell around the workers, but all managed to grope their way to the street in safety.

Morris Fogal, the contractor who had the job for tearing down the burned building was arrested on the charge of criminal carelessness.

Providence, R. I., May 17.—By the collapse of a two-story building at Jocho this afternoon three persons were killed and seven others were more or less severely injured and narrowly escaped a similar fate. The victims of the catastrophe were:

Mrs. Heronine Guertin, a French-Canadian woman, aged 34; Asa G. Aldrich, carpenter, aged 55; Alice Lemoline, a child 2 1/2 years. The injured were Mrs. Joseph Lemoline, Mrs. Louise Lemoline, Noe Richard, a mason; a boy named Valliere; Demase Gosselin, a lad of 9 years; Joseph Lemoline, owner of the building and his grandson, a lad of 9 years, who was the most seriously injured of the survivors, his legs having been broken at the hip.

The building was a two-story frame structure with basement and attic. It was owned by Joseph Lemoline, a man of 86 years, who, with his sons, Frank and Louis, and several workmen have been engaged for several weeks in turning around and raising the building 40 ft. in the basement story for business purposes. Several carpenters were at work during the afternoon and probably jarred the frail supports and without a moment's warning the building fell, burying in the ruins the workmen, the occupants of the tenements upstairs, and a couple of school boys who were passing.

ELECTION OF RANGERS.

Results of Last Day's Sessions of Ancient Order of Foresters.

Reading, Pa., May 17.—The fourth and final session of Ancient Order of Foresters was taken up with the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Grand chief ranger, George A. Mayberry, Philadelphia; grand sub-chief ranger, Richard Lewis, Plymouth; grand treasurer, James Brethrick, Philadelphia; grand secretary, M. M. Cashmore, Philadelphia; grand recording secretary, Henry Baston, Scranton; grand senior woodward, C. B. Erisman, Middletown; grand junior woodward, John Parcell, Pittsburg; grand senior beadle, Thomas Rowland, Houckdale; grand junior beadle, Arthur Louck, Carbondale; grand auditor, Alexander Humphreys, Philadelphia; Eben B. Davis, Scranton, and John M. Kessel, Pittsburg. Auditors, William J. Burke, John J. Guerin and Julius Eichler, Philadelphia. Delegates to supreme court, Thomas J. Ford, Pittsburg; William Wainman, Philadelphia; James Christie, Philadelphia; T. W. Murray, Philadelphia; George P. Schechle, Philadelphia; Job Harris, Scranton; Edward Jones, Pittsburg; A. F. Schrank, Philadelphia; William Broekenshire, Scranton; P. C. E. O'Donovan, Philadelphia; Robert Erisman, Middletown.

PRICE FOR A STOLEN BOY.

Supposed Kidnappers Want a Paltry Ransom of \$125.

Pittsburg, May 17.—Herman Lauterback, aged 14, disappeared from his home on Addison street last November. Today his parents received a letter directing them to place \$125 in a hidden spot, at Reed and Overhill streets, to insure the return of their son. The letter further stated that if this was not done the boy would never return alive, and they would share his fate. The police were notified of the matter.

HEIR TO MILLIONS.

Frank Antrim Is Discovered by an Irish Fortune of \$1,000,000.

Quincy, Ill., May 17.—Frank Antrim, of this city, assistant baggage-master of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, has received word that his effort to secure recognition of his claim as an heir of the great Antrim estate in County Antrim, Ireland, has succeeded. The estate is worth about \$75,000,000. Mr. Antrim estimates his share at \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. He is 30 years of age and has a wife and three children.

Enterprise Breaker Burned. Shamokin, Pa., May 17.—The breaker of the Enterprise Coal company was completely destroyed by fire last night, causing a loss of at least \$60,000. About 50 men and boys are thrown out of employment. The breaker will be rebuilt at once. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

The fall of a huge meteor near Niles, Mich., frightened the farmers. An explosion wrecked the powder works on Dollar Bay, Mich., and killed Fred Shupper. As the result of a quarrel, George Floyd, a Cleveland detective, was fatally wounded by his wife.

Lynchers at Marion, Ky., took John Hoverson, who assaulted Anna Pierce, out of jail and hanged him. Sylvia Thorne, the actress, is suing at New York for divorce from her husband, Benjamin Tuthill, for alleged unfaithfulness. John Homerton was hanged by a mob Wednesday night at Marion, Ky., for feloniously assaulting 16-year-old Anna Pierce.

Ex-Mayor Ben Russell, of Lexington, Mo., blew his brains out yesterday, through despondency over financial troubles. A buffalo, escaping from the Wild West show, at Schenectady, N. Y., was run down, jumped in the Erie canal and was drowned.

KATAHDIN A FAILURE.

The New Armor-Clad Ram Has No Speed.

Washington, May 17.—The armor-clad ram Katahdin, it is said, has failed to reach expectations, and as a result of the trial run given the vessel by the contractors several days ago some important changes may be necessary. It is regarded as doubtful, however, if the government will ever succeed in getting the speed out of the vessel that was required and was promised by the designers.

According to a contract the vessel was to show a speed of 17 knots with an expenditure of 4,200 horse power. On Wednesday during her run the maximum speed reached was 16.25 knots. This was secured only by the extraordinary exertion of 5,500 horse-power, which is beyond the safety limit.

TOWPATH GIVES WAY.

And the Moisture Departs from a Portion of the D. & H. Canal.

Hawley, May 17.—The Delaware and Hudson Canal towpath, one mile west of White Mills, broke out at 4.45 o'clock last afternoon, letting the water out of the level between White Mills and the break. The break is about sixty feet long and several feet deep. It will probably take several days to get it in shape to resume navigation.

ROBBERY AT HONESDALE.

Burglars Enter the Postoffice and Blow Open the Safe and Secure a Small Amount of Cash.

Honesdale, May 17.—When Clerk Horace Colburn opened the postoffice for business this morning, his eyes were greeted with a sight that at once told of the presence during the night of burglars. The safe had been blown open and contents were scattered around.

The burglars had cut a small square hole in the door at the side of the building, using an augur. They evidently thought they could open the door by turning the night latch, but the door was locked with both the night latch and large lock. They then tried to pry the door open with a chisel, but being foiled in this also turned their attention to a window. The shutter was easily opened and the window raised.

Once inside they proceeded immediately to the safe and forced off the combination. The door was blown open and completely wrecked. From its condition there must have been a loud explosion. A steel drawer and a wooden drawer with their contents were removed. A registered letter containing \$50 in bills and some other registered matter were in the safe in plain sight, but were unmolested. The stamps that were in the safe were not touched.

It would appear that the robbery was performed by persons that were far from being experts or professionals. Their manner of entering was rather bungling. The safe was blown out with great force, and much valuable matter that could have readily been converted into cash as well as money in registered letters was not touched. The thieves evidently knew where the money was kept and did not touch the other drawers. Unless they became frightened it is a mystery why the registered mail was not taken.

A boarder at the Allen House, which is nearly opposite the postoffice, claims to have heard an explosion about 1 o'clock, but thought it was nothing. Hon. C. C. Jadin, who lives a hundred yards away, also says he heard an explosion at one o'clock. One hundred dollars reward has been offered by Postmaster Briggs for the capture of the burglars.

EDWIN WALSH ESCAPES.

Jury in His Case Returns a Verdict of Not Guilty.

Pottsville, Pa., May 17.—The jury in the case of Edwin A. Walsh, of Mahanoy Plain, charged with murdering his wife on the night of Feb. 23, came in at 11 o'clock this morning, after being out all night, with a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was immediately released. The defense brought out the fact that Mrs. Walsh was addicted to drink, and she made home miserable for her family. It was shown that she was under the influence of liquor the night of her death, and that she died from injuries received by falling down stairs.

PRINCE LIKES OUR BEER.

His Highness of Battemberg Says It's a Very Good Drink.

Omaha, Neb., May 17.—Prince Joseph of Battemberg came to Omaha on the Union Pacific overland flyer this evening. After a few moments wait at the depot he went on to Chicago over the Northwestern. While at the depot he told an inquiring reporter that the one thing that struck him particularly in America was the excellent lager beer. He named no brand, but drank a mug of Omaha brew with evident relish.

Brown Murder Case.

Louisville, Ky., May 17.—The grand jury has finally decided to investigate the killing of Arch Dixon Brown and Mrs. Gordon by her husband, Fulton Gordon. Today the jury ordered all the witnesses who figured in the case during the examination in the city court to be summoned to appear in the jury room next Friday morning. It was generally believed that the courts this afternoon that there would not be an indictment.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, showers; warmer; southerly winds.

SEARCHING FOR A QUORUM

Difficulty Encountered in Transacting Business.

WARRANTS FOR ABSENTEES

Sergeant-at-Arms Instructed to Arrest Members Who Were Absent Without Leave—Beer Tax Bill Amended, Passes Second Reading.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 17.—The house met at 9 o'clock this morning. There were many vacant seats, and the lawmakers had "that tired feeling," which seems inseparable from the close of the week's legislative round.

The Cochran bill, providing a tax on beer of 24 cents a barrel, was amended in several particulars. One amendment provides that beer manufactured for export shall be exempt. An amendment was offered by Mr. Fow providing that licensed bottlers shall have their tax certificates furnished by city and county treasurers. This was withdrawn with the understanding that it will be inserted on third reading. Other amendments were immaterial, and after some debate the bill passed second reading—yeas, 88; nays, 15.

Senate bills on second reading were next in order, and Mr. Pelts called up the postponed bill to punish pool selling and receiving and transmitting bets or aiding in pool selling or betting. He made an address on the merits of the bill, and on the question of proceeding to consideration of the measure the roll call showed the absence of a quorum, the yeas being 77, and the nays 18. Speaker Watson ordered a call of the house and the doors were locked, all strangers being permitted to retire. There was a great scurrying to and fro and then the roll was again called. It showed 95 present, eight less than a quorum.

Search for Absentees. The speaker then directed the sergeant-at-arms to search for absent members, all doors being carefully guarded to prevent any person entering except under guard of the officers of the house. Five members were brought in after a long wait, each one being excused after explaining his absence. Having still no quorum the speaker issued his warrant for the arrest of absent members and adjourned the house until Monday evening.

The sergeant-at-arms has had placed in his hands the speaker's warrant for the arrest of the following members absent without leave today: Messrs. Ames, Anderson, Andrews, Clark, Baldwin, Biddle, Boland, Biles, Cruise, Comly, Dambly, Devlin, Dixon, Douthett, Eby, Ellis, Farr, Fredericks, Garvin, Goentner, Gransbach, Greiner, Heidelberg, Merriman, Hershey, Hopwood, Hunter, Jennings, Keen, Kerr, Kiser, Kinler, Louden, John H. Marshall, Mast, Millard, Frank N. Moore, Linus W. Moore, Muehlbronner, McLean, McFarlane, Nickel, Page, Pascoe, D. Hunter Patterson, James Patterson, John K. Patterson, Pennewill, Pomeroy, Porter, Pritchard, Raven, Reeves, Rice, Ritchey, Rutter, Schrink, Seanor, Smiley, W. O. Smith, Salvey, Spangler, Tiffan, Underwood, Ware, Warramacher, Weibel, Welliver, Woyand, Williams, Hugh L. Wilson, John S. Wilson, Matthew M. Wilson, Zehnder and Curtis.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Sabbath Observance Committee Reports Resolutions Deprecating Manner in Which Sunday Is Observed.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 14.—At the morning session of the Presbyterian general assembly most of the committees were announced, the liberal representation being so small that their influence will not be felt. Governor Beaver will be appointed vice moderator. The Sabbath observance committee reported a series of resolutions which were adopted deprecating the growing tendency to make the Sabbath a season of worldly entertainment, commending all Sunday legislation designed to protect the Christian Sabbath and warning ministers and members of the invidious influence of the Sunday newspapers, and urging them by word and action to do all they can to decrease their unwholesome power.

This afternoon the venerable Joseph T. Smith, chairman of the standing committee on church unity and federation, asked to be relieved from further connection with the committee. Mr. Smith's request is made on account of the unfriendly action of the late general assembly in ordering the committee to temporarily suspend its correspondence with the Protestant Episcopal church, with a view to the union of the two churches. His report simply asks for a continuance of his committee on the same line of work. No action was taken. The report of the committee on seminary control reaffirming the action of the assembly of 1894, and declaring that in its judgment, the effort should be continued to secure the adoption in substance of the assembly's plan by all the seminaries, was read and discussed until the hour of adjournment.

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