

RAISING OLD GLORY OVER LATTIMER

Miners at That Little Hamlet Celebrate the Victory Achieved by Dewey.

AT FIRST THE MEN FROM BREAKER NO. 2 THOUGHT ANOTHER STRIKE WAS ON—EVEN THE MINE MULES WERE DECORATED—WHY THE WHITE-ROBED ANGEL OF PEACE AND FREEDOM DID NOT FLOP HIS WINGS OVER THE BREAKER.

The following concerning a flag raising at Lattimer, Luzerne county, the scene of the trouble between strikers and deputy sheriffs last September, is from the New York Commercial Advertiser:

Hundreds of feet below, and to the northward, lies Lattimer, five miles wide and twice that in length. White farm houses and red barns dot the green fields, and light yellowish streaks running at right angles show whither the steep ridges throughout the country may look over the tops of tall trees to the green meadows below and then, turning toward the south, behold beyond him the anthracite colliery of Lattimer, with its hundred miscellaneous back, scottish, Tyrolean, slovak and Italian miners; then its score of railroad tracks, its black culm banks rising far above ground, and higher yet its tall, ungainly breakers.

Beyond these may be seen the company store and offices, and across a wide roadway upon which stands a trolley car are more substantial buildings, cottages and tenements occupied by other mine workers—Germans, Welsh, Irish—English-speaking.

SOLDIERS WERE THERE. When last I was in Lattimer, during September, 1897, rows of white tents were half hidden in the grove, a mile away. Sentries paced through the huckleberry bushes here upon the ridge. Yonder, at the summit of that huge pile of slate and culm, was a signal station of the Thirtieth Pennsylvania, and other stations formed a chain over the mountain connecting Lattimer with General Gobin's headquarters in Hazleton, five miles distant.

Far away toward the west where the trolley tracks cross the highway and where one or two goats and a few cows are browsing, curiosity seekers were out in force, last September, digging bullets from stumps and telegraph poles, for there it was that Sheriff Martin's little company of deputies fired upon and turned back a mob of a thousand Slovaks, Polesks and Italians, who, maddened by frenzied speeches of their leaders, were rushing upon Lattimer.

A gentle breeze springs up and smoke is blown away so that the culm pile is shown distinctly. There on top, where bayonets glinted and signals flashed a year ago, stand a dozen women and children, their gaily colored clothing proclaiming them foreigners. The breeze increases, and brings with it, faintly, the roll and snap of drums. Natural curiosity impels one to descend from the ridge, and hastening down its steep side, two little girls are met running away from the village, and toward the ridge as fast as their twinkling bare feet will carry them. "Where are you going?" "Going home, over the mountain," they reply in unison.

"What is this, in Lattimer?" "Strike!" the larger girl cries, as she darts past. Her small sister says nothing, she is saving her breath for the steep ascent before her.

DRUMS AND FIFES. This information causes me to hasten down the mountain side and across the level space toward the village. Could it be possible that another strike would have been declared? The drums are heard plainly now, and the shrill whistle of fife. And here the foreign women are gathering in groups among their shanty homes, listening or talking, but all eagerly looking far across the next hollow to the company offices and the homes of the "English-speaking." I stop long enough to shout:

"What's the matter?" and an old Italian woman points with both hands toward her shanty. At the apex of the ragged roof flutters an American flag. It is small and torn and dirty, but it is the flag, after all. The old woman jabsbers away in her dialect, which, of course, is not understood. Then she places her hands on her hips, with arms akimbo, throws back her head and, lifting her feet high in air, steps down the alley with all the airs belonging to the drum major of a buccolic brass band. Again she points to the little flag and again I shake my head and hurry on.

It is easy to understand that a parade is in progress, but for what purpose are the men marching? At the first sound of the drums over there near No. 3 breaker the foremen miners near No. 2 drop their work and seize clubs, pieces of scrap iron and stones, and



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SELECTING THEIR STATE DELEGATES

Democrats Held Conventions in the First, Second and Third Districts.

IN THE FIRST P. J. NEALIS, P. F. GORDON AND THOMAS P. COSSGROVE WERE CHOSEN; THE SECOND NAMED P. V. SCANLON, M. J. WALSH AND JOHN GIBBONS, AND THE THIRD JOHN J. COYNE AND JOHN T. BROWN—MARTIN D. FLAHERTY NOMINATED.

PROCESSION APPROACHES. By the time we reach a point of vantage the head of the procession is just coming around the corner of the great culm pile. The chief marshal, Patsy Foy, mounted on a huge mule which has been impressed for the purpose, Patsy has not wasted any time in unharassing the mule; she has no saddle, but a pair of stirrups has been improvised by tying two horse-shoars to the ends of a strap and slinging one on each side of the steed, and into them Patsy has thrust his feet. Following come thirty other mine mules, by couples of some of the sleek little animals which may be seen in the wholesale districts of New York, but tall, bony, ungainly creatures of black or gray, or roan.

Nearly all of them are in harness, and the tails of nearly all are tied with streamers of red, white and blue. Many of them wear small flags, like those tied fast to their long ears, and occasionally one of the flags slips into the mud and dangles in the dust. The mule's head goes down and his heels fly out and graze the nose of the mule back of him, whose head also drops and whose heels fly, grazing a second nose, until the operation is repeated over and over. The line of the mules and their heads almost brail the front rank of paraders on foot. Then the procession comes to a halt, and much excitement and profanity and kicking of mules' ribs ensue. Finally it is ascertained that no man or beast has been killed, and the procession takes up its march.

Patsy, chief marshal, has a very formidable sword, as long as his hand, and hickory and covered with tin-foil and pieces of larding is wound around his neck, crossed over his chest, carried beneath his arms and tied in a knot at the back. WEAR THE NATIONAL COLORS. Nearly all of the mounted boys wear the national colors in some shape, little flags thrust into the miner's lamp at the peak of the cap, or bits of bunting fastened to the arm or shoulder, or long strips of bunting wound around the leg, garter fashion. And, as for the 200 boys and youths forming the body of the procession, they are fearfully and wonderfully decorated. Very few have had time to wash off the layers of coal dust from faces, throats, necks and wrists, so that they look more like a company of gnomes, with white teeth and sparkling eyes, than human beings. Almost all of these foot-men are ornamented with flags, and a score, or more, of them have painted their faces with red, white and blue stripes and have improvised costumes, out of old dresses, cast-off hats, broken parasols, etc.

The gentleman in charge of the footmen is a tall, lean, lanky Irish youth. He has slipped over his working clothes an old calico wrapper of bright yellow, which is buttoned from throat to waist. The skirt has been slashed in a dozen places from the waist down so as not to impede walking, and the voluminous sleeves fairly flap as Mike waves his arms in raving for cheers. Mike also carries a long wooden sword, and an old leather hat is tied on his head. At a central point in the procession is a guard, the only one wearing the fine new flag which is to be raised on top of No. 3 breaker. Every one of the breaker hands subscribed for its purchase, and including the stamp and stationery used to correspond to the State. And, indeed, it is a beautiful object, its bright colors fluttering in the breeze, carried mounted on a pole.

REMEMBER THE MAINE. At several points in the procession may be seen wooden box covers, bearing patriotic inscriptions, and held aloft. One of them reads: "Remember the Maine!" And painted in brown letters on another is the highly laudable motto: "Columbus Ties Fleece." The end of the parade is passing us now, and the mounted men have reached the breaker, around which they are forming in a series of circles, as if to give cheer after cheer, and the whistles of half a dozen little mine mules took with delight. At last, all seems ready for the raising of the flag to the tall, white staff surmounting the breaker, which reaches more than 200 feet above the ground. Some of the body starts to make a speech, but a common effort naturally drowns the effort, and the crowd pushes forward good naturedly to ascertain what the breaking is all about. I get hold of a young Welshman who says that a surprise is being arranged. The managers of the demonstration, he adds, at great care and expense, had provided a beautiful white robe and a pair of white mitts to be worn by one of the breaker boys. Just as the flag should be run up on the staff the boy was to step out on top of the breaker and flap his wings, representing the angel of Peace and Freedom.

CHIEFS FOR OLD GLORY. The splendid flag is taken in a car far up to the top of the breaker, and as it breaks out at the masthead there is such a mingling of cheers and steam whistles, and barking of dogs and baying of mules as Lattimer never knew before.

When lung power and steam have been exhausted the procession reforms and marches to the open space in front of the company offices, where it disbands. The grand march, which this strikingly original feature is abandoned. The boy had come from his work as black as a lump of coal, and had dressed in his angel clothes before remembering to wash off the coal dust, and had been obliged to wash his face and wash for fear of missing part of the fun. So the programme is carried on without him.

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Resolved, That we reaffirm our devotion to Democratic principles as declared in the national platform adopted at the convention and approved by our state convention of last year.

Resolved, That we unqualifiedly condemn the reckless and unscrupulous and corrupting of the late Republican legislature and we request the candidate of this convention to unflinchingly oppose all attempts to bring the people of Pennsylvania by bogus bills in election contests, by payment of salaries to superintendents who perform no service, and by the other well known means by which the ring of Republican handlers fattens at the expense of the public.

John T. Brown and John J. Coyne were elected to represent the Third legislative district of the county in the Democratic state convention in Altoona on June 23, Jury Commissioners Frank Dougherty and Michael G. Casick were chosen alternates. The convention was held Saturday afternoon in Coyne's hotel, Altoona.

STEEL TRUST TALKED OF.

Scheme Reported as Under Way to Put All Big Producing Concerns Under Practically One Management.

From New York comes the story that another steel pool or rather a trust is being formed that will embrace all the big steel concerns of the country and be much more serviceable in the way of controlling the trade in steel than its predecessors, because those at the head of the trust will really control the plants. The details of the affair are reported to be as follows:

This combination is being formed by the Rochester, Andrew Carnegie, J. P. Morgan and the so-called Draxel crowd, of Philadelphia. The plan was conceived by J. Lower Welch, who is the managing director of the trust, and is being carried out by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., the representatives of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. in Philadelphia.

Other important corporations to be taken into the deal are the Bethlehem Iron Company, Ohio Steel company, Carnegie Iron and Steel company, Lackawanna Iron and Steel company and the Minnesota Iron company. The great iron mines of the Mesaba range in Minnesota and the mines through Michigan and Wisconsin fronting on Lake Superior are controlled by the Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. The iron ore produced there is the best in the world for the manufacture of steel. It is produced cheaply and is found in such immense deposits that the market could be flooded with ore if the production was not kept in check.

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Called to Order. At 4 o'clock the assembled delegates were called to order by Chairman John E. Gaffney. The call was read and John P. Mahon was made assistant to Secretary James J. Flynn. The delegates were called and delegates presented their credentials. It being in order to select a temporary chairman and secretary, Messrs. Gaffney and Flynn were instructed to act in those respective capacities.

There were no contested seats and Chairman Gaffney appointed the other two committees as follows: Resolutions—J. H. McCarty, J. P. Mahon, J. White, Frank Needham and Thomas Cosgrove. Organization—J. J. Flynn, J. P. Kelly, John McHale, M. Guthrie and M. Walsh. After a short absence, the committee returned and reported. The committee on organization reported through its secretary, J. P. Kelly, recommending that the temporary organization be made permanent. The report was accepted and adopted. The committee on resolutions reported and the resolutions were read by Assistant Secretary John P. Mahon.

Chairman Gaffney, in accepting his re-election as chairman for a second time, said he would "force the opportunity to select a candidate in the fall, knowing what he would say. He, however, hoped that in selecting their delegates, men would be chosen who will represent them creditably and that all factional dissension would be laid aside. He then announced the order of nominations.

P. J. Nealis, P. F. Gordon and Thos. Cosgrove were nominated in the order named and their election was made by acclamation. In a similar manner the names of John McHale, M. Guthrie and J. E. Kelly.

A little excitement was caused when by motion it was agreed to adjourn to meet again at the call of the chairman for the purpose of selecting a nominee for the legislature. Chairman Gaffney thought this action an indication of weakness among the Democrats of the district and was for discussion and later a selection of a candidate. The chairman explained that nothing of the kind could be done at this time and besides there was no candidate in sight. The convention then adjourned.

Some of the Democrats of the district alleged that the convention was a distinctly snafu affair and propose to call another and elected a second set of delegates. The chairman explained that the convention would not raise one of the strong attractions of its predecessors, the annual fight of the Lackawanna statesmen for recognition as the regularly elected delegates. The convention of the Second district was held in the Arbitration room of the Court House Saturday afternoon. Little interest was taken in it, the Eighth, Eleventh, Thirteenth and Sixteenth wards being entirely without representation.

In organizing the convention, W. J. Burke was elected chairman and H. T. Koehler and W. F. McLean secretaries. After a short address by Chairman Burke, the work of electing delegates was taken up and J. Roche nominated P. J. Nealis, P. F. Gordon and Thos. Cosgrove. J. Beamish, John J. Gordon nominated M. J. Walsh, Thomas H. Kelly nominated Henry T. Koehler and James Coyne nominated John Gibbons. The name of John J. Shea was also proposed, but he declined to be nominated. The vote resulted as follows: Walsh, 23; Nealis, 18; Gibbons, 15; Koehler, 6; Beamish, 5.

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BASE BALL.

Eastern League.

Wilkes-Barre-Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., June 5.—Rochester's superior work won today's game for the Coal Barons. Score: Rochester, 10; Wilkes-Barre, 3.

At Montreal—game with Providence was called off at the end of the inning on account of rain, with the score 2 to 2 in favor of Montreal.

At Buffalo—Ten innings.—R.H.E. Buffalo, 2; Detroit, 0. Score: Buffalo, 2; Detroit, 0.

At Paterson—Paterson, 10; Allentown, 1.

At Reading—Reading, 17; Hartford, 3.

At Newark—Newark, 5; Lancaster, 1.

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

Pat Neasey has been playing with Newark since Savannah disbanded. With some of his players occupying one corner of the stadium for the Buffalo. The Rochester team of today is a far different aggregation of players than that purchased from Rochester. Rochester decides to strengthen and release "Bandy" Griffin and sign "Liz" Fields. Buffalo decides to strengthen and release Eddie Smith. A prize to anyone who works out the combination.—St. Francis Herald.

Charles Reilly, the former Syracuse star base-baller, has been called to Minneapolis, where he was most seriously injured in a collision at the plate in a recent game, and the physicians despaired of his life.

AMATEUR BASE BALL.

Y. M. C. A. Goose-Egged the Olympics, of Wilkes-Barre.

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