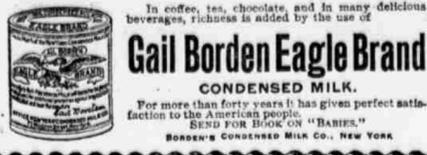


On the Breakfast Table



LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

TALK OF STRIKE IN THE LACKAWANNA IS GROUNDLESS.

So Declare Both the Officials and the Members of the Engineers' Grievance Committee—Grand Chief Arthur Left Cincinnati Yesterday for Scranton and Will Probably be Here To-day—Change in the Method Heretofore in Use in Coal Way Bill Office.

When the Lackawanna officials and the engineers' committee stoutly declare that there is no ground whatever for the strike talk so generally indulged in by the New York papers, yesterday.

The cessation of the conference, as told yesterday in The Tribune, was due to the desire of the committee to consult with Chief Arthur before giving a final answer on some important questions that arose during the conference and which must be settled before the sessions can be resumed as there are other items of the schedule contingent thereon.

Yesterday afternoon's Associated Press despatches announced that Chief Arthur had effected a settlement of the "Big Four" trouble and was on his way to Scranton. He was expected to arrive early this morning.

Change of Methods.

With the changing of the coal way bill office from the Lackawanna avenue station of the Lackawanna road to the freight depot there also occurs a change in the manner of conducting the office.

Heretofore the coal was shipped from the company's mines, and sent to the yards here. The cars were numbered and copied by the force of the way bill office. Beginning September 1 all coal will be billed at the mines and sent to the yards, and the trains made up.

This order will, it is said, decrease the force at the way bill office, and will entail extra duties of the clerical force at the mines.

New Building at Hoboken.

Plans have been filed in Hoboken for a new office building for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, to take the place of their old one, which has stood for more than fifty years at the western end of the depot. The new structure will stand close to the pier adjoining the train shed. It will be of frame and two stories high with an octagonal tower on the side facing the river. The main entrance will face the train shed.

The structure will be triangular in shape, with sides measuring 87 feet 8 inches, 130 feet and 107 feet 2 inches respectively. On the ground floor will be an emigrants' room and storehouse, and offices of the Pullman Palace Car Company and Union News Company. The second floor will be exclusively offices. Superintendent Raymond Dupuy of the Morris & Essex division will have his office in the tower. The ground floor of the tower will be used as a ladies' waiting room. The building will cost \$15,000.

Switching by Gravity.

Gravity is doing the work of men and steam engines for the Chicago, Lake Shore and Eastern railroad company in its yards on the margin of the lake at the Indiana state line. This saving of men and steam to the extent of hundreds of dollars daily is made by the employment of nothing more complicated than a hump in the railroad grade and a gradual incline leading away from it. This device is called "gravity switch." It is regarded as an epoch-maker in switching cars. The reason why railroad men are taking a lively interest in this particular switch at present is that it is being tested and, as days go by, some improvements are being made in it.

The switch not only enables the company to make one engine do the work of four, but it also saves the time that is employed in other yards in shoving cars on a scale and hauling them off whenever they have to be weighed. This simple-looking hump on the tracks causes the cars to go on the scales, be weighed, then roll off to the switch where they are desired by the railroad men. The switching and weighing are performed while the cars are running from the top of the hump.

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to the level of the track—Railway World.

An Iron Works Sold.

The Schuylkill Haven Iron Works on Tuesday were sold to Colonel Thomas H. Rickert, of Pittsville, for \$21,000, representing a syndicate that has already purchased the mills at Danville and Columbia. It is the intention to enlarge the Schuylkill Haven plant, and it is understood that two large puddling furnaces and a blast furnace will be added and other improvements made.

The capacity will be increased, and employment will be given to nearly a hundred men. Walter I. Rahn, of Pittsville, also purchased ground at Schuylkill Haven near the iron works, where he will locate a nut and bolt works.

This and That.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western is presently going to put new and stronger engines at the head of the Petrolia—New York and will shorten the running time between Buffalo and Hoboken just two hours. Twenty minutes will be chopped off the present scheduled time between Washington and Hoboken—Stroudsburg Times.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad has arranged its plan of decorations in honor of Admiral Dewey. Across the entire front of the Hoboken terminal will be an electric sign in huge letters reading: "Welcome to Dewey—Lackawanna Railroad." Seven hundred electric lights will be used in the sign. The sign and terminal buildings will be draped with bunting.

The official report on the mineral production of the United States for the calendar year 1898 has been made public by the Geological Survey. The non-metallic products increased from \$227,710,998 in 1897 to \$322,783,872, a gain of \$95,072,874. The largest contributor to this gain was bituminous coal, which increased from \$119,567,224 in 1897 to \$132,588,313 in 1898, a gain of \$13,021,089.

The value of the anthracite, however, fell off nearly \$1,000,000. It is the plan of the Lehigh Valley R. R. company to straighten its line wherever possible between Mud Run and White Haven. Hundreds of men are at work at the present time taking out an ugly curve at Hickory Run. At White Haven it is reported that a new bridge is to span the Lehigh River at Bridgeport. The bridge will be much longer than the present one, but it will greatly lessen the distance and take out two very ugly and dangerous curves.

NEED MORE POSTAGE.

List of Packages Being Held at the Scranton Post Office.

Packages of newspapers addressed to the following parties are being held at the Scranton post office because they do not bear the necessary amount of postage, one cent for four ounces or fraction thereof:

- Mrs. W. J. Hoop, Laureton, Pa. John Miller, Golemsburg, N. Y. Mrs. L. B. Rifenbury, St. Louis, Mo. E. B. Zerling, Sunbury, Pa. Mrs. Minnie Allen, Denver, Colo., 3 papers. John Payne, Butte City, Mont. Mrs. C. Shumaker, Mt. Pocono, Pa. Little E. W. Stroh, Stroudsburg, Pa. Miss S. B. Gay, Glenburn, Pa. John P. Whyte, Newark, N. J. John Duffy, Huttie City, Mont. Ira A. Harty, White Haven, Conn. John J. Orving, Butte City, Mont. Miss E. K. Kraemer, N. Y. Mary Lennon, Islip, L. I., N. Y. J. Leung, Winterville, Pa. William Newman, New York. Mrs. Alonzo Fisk, Dansville, N. Y. Mrs. M. G. Hayes, Clayton, N. Y. J. T. Martin, Easton, Pa. Mrs. M. L. Boyle, Barrie, Ont., Can. B. M. Vosburg, Montauk, N. Y. M. J. O'Hara, Butte, Mont. J. E. Whittaker, Deposit, N. Y. Mrs. J. W. McClain, Schenectady, N. Y. Mrs. M. E. Lawrence, Middletown, N. Y. M. F. Wymbs, Coney Island, N. Y. Maude M. Berney, Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. E. J. Loraux, Port Jervis, N. Y. Mrs. James Day, Hanting, Wash. George March, Turin, N. Y. Mrs. Marilla Miller, Canadensis, Pa. Thomas J. McNichols, Meadville, Pa. Frank McHugh, Long Island City, N. Y. Harry W. White, Valley, Pa. Aug. Deatrick, East Berlin, Pa. Mrs. S. S. Drake, Bangor, Pa. John Spangler, Middletown, N. Y. Nellie Dwyer, Fernoy, Pa.

COLLECTION OF CHECKS.

Bankers Will Consider It at Their Coming Meeting in Cleveland, O.

The banking interests of the country are very much concerned in the coming convention to be held at Cleveland, O., on Sept. 5, to devise a system for the collection of checks which will be national in character.

The New York Clearing house, which adopted the first rule for charge on the collection of outside checks, is particularly anxious that the other cities of the Union should adopt similar rules. In fact, the most collections for out-of-town items has led to the transfer of deposits by some national banks from the New York institutions to the banks of neighboring cities.

A call has been sent to the Clearing House association of every important center asking that delegates be sent to this convention. The Scranton Clearing House association will be represented by C. W. Gunster, W. H. Peck and F. L. Phillips. They will take a prominent part in the discussion with reference to a check collecting system inasmuch as from this city came one of the most vigorous protests against the system now in vogue at the New York Clearing house.

THOSE DECISIONS FROM HARRISBURG

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It may well be that it was not intended that any of these paramount cities should be subject to impeachment or removal on address of two-thirds of the senate. But that consideration will not prove that an important municipal officer, exercising grave public functions, shall not be subject to removal at the pleasure of the power which appointed him. We do not agree that the highway commissioner is a petty officer. By Section 3 of the ordinance above referred to, his salary is fixed at \$1,500 per annum, and a separate office with necessary office expenses; he is required to keep a record of his official acts; to see that all streets, sidewalks, lanes and alleys, and other public places, are kept in good order; to see that all ordinances and regulations of the city in respect to these and to sewers and water-courses are complied with and enforced; to make quarterly reports to councils of his official doings; to furnish a bond, with at least two sufficient sureties, in the sum of \$5,000; and to have in his office a list of all work done and laborers employed on all the highways and public places of the city; and many other powers and duties are conferred and enjoined upon him.

After full consideration, we are convinced that no valid distinction can be drawn between this case and the Houseman case, and being bound by that authority, we adjudge that the respondent be ousted and removed from the office of commissioner of highways of the city of Harrisburg; and a writ may draft and submit a formal judgment.

The Weiss decision in another Harrisburg case is also relied upon to sustain the mayor's position. This is a case where the select council of Harrisburg refused to confirm three police appointments of the mayor because the officers they were to succeed were honorably discharged veterans of the civil war, and under the act of 1887, not removable from office without reasonable cause, and just cause being shown. The mayor brought mandamus proceedings to compel the council to take action on the nominations, alleging that the act was in conflict with Art. VI, Sec. 3, of the Constitution, which declares that "appointed officers, other than judges of the courts of record, and the superintendent of public instruction may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which they shall have been appointed."

Judge Weiss decided that the selection of the mayor was correct and granted a mandamus to compel the select council to act.

Ex-City Solicitor James H. Torrey, who has been retained by Patrolmen Saul and Dyer to ascertain whether or not they can be summarily dismissed, as attempted by the mayor, says he does not see in either decision any warrant for the stand which His Honor takes.

The Simonon decision will not apply in the Saul and Dyer case, Mr. Torrey believes, because there is a distinction made by the law between appointive officers such as street commissioner and that of police officer. The Act of 1859 expressly gives the mayor power to remove officers appointed by him whose offices are created by ordinance, but the law in reference to patrolmen, specifically provides that they shall nominate and be appointed by the council.

That the appointive power may remove, is not to be disputed, Mr. Torrey says. The question to be determined is who is the appointive power. The answer is found in the above quotation. "The mayor shall nominate and with select council appoint."

In a word the Simonon decision does not apply and the point raised by Mr. Torrey was not disposed of in the Weiss decision.

Patrolmen Saul and Dyer are intent on having the motion taken to the supreme court if necessary to establish the validity of their position. They report each day to Chief Rolling for duty and propose to sue for salary for the period that will intervene between their dismissal and the appointment of their successors.

In another column is printed an opinion from City Solicitor Vosburg in the district chief's case in which he contends that even under the law quoted above the mayor is the appointive power, the select council being vested merely with authority to assent or dissent, and not with any share of the power of appointing.

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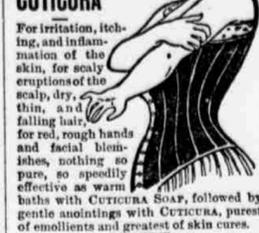
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Advertisement for E. Robinson's Sons Lager Beer Brewery, featuring a glass of beer and text about the product.

Advertisement for Dr. Densten, featuring a portrait of the doctor and text about medical services.

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