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MR. FRIEDER'S EXPLANATION

He Makes a Statement to the Public of the Company's Side of the Strike.

On Saturday evening Mr. Marcus Frieder, superintendent of the Klots Throwing company of this city, whose employees have been on strike for more than eight weeks, issued a letter to the public in reply to one signed by Organizer Henry Collins and others of the United Mine Workers of America. By request of Mr. Frieder we publish the substance of his communication. The article in which Mr. Collins and the other mine workers explain their sympathy with the silk mill strikers was published in The Tribune of last Friday.

Mr. Frieder says in his reply: "Referring to the statement made and signed by Henry Collins and others in the name of the local miners' union, and printed in local and Scranton papers, demanding justice for the help employed in the silk mill, I wish to state that its terms, and more especially the methods adopted by the named organization, are such that every good citizen having the interest of this town at heart should raise his voice in protest against the already, and still threatened, harm done, and I am afraid that years of hard work on the part of the honest and law-abiding citizens of the town, who labor faithfully for the welfare of the people, will not be able to remedy the serious damage that may arise therefrom.

"To give the public an idea of the whole situation, I will begin from the beginning of the trouble:

"On the 8th of November last some boys employed on the night shift, without a moment's notice and without giving any reason, decided to strike for more pay. It is not being an unusual thing, for we all know that the boys of our town are employed in the breaker, and the most of these boys change at intervals from one occupation to another, I did not pay very much attention to it, being satisfied that after one or two days' rest and that they would soon come back to work again. We employ in all about sixty hands on the night shift. One-half of these did come back; the others, fussy over the victory of the miners, decided to stay out until their wages are increased. As is natural when such trouble occurs, some of the boys who walked out, too, in sympathy with the boys, but not enough to cause us the least inconvenience, and we run our mill as usual.

"About a month after the trouble began a delegation of the various local unions asked me if we were willing to meet them and discuss the situation. I assured them that I would be pleased to give them all the information they desired. The next evening a delegation of about ten men, most of them very intelligent men, called at my house, accompanied by some of the striking boys. They explained their mission and stated the grievance of the help; they questioned the boys in my presence, and I gave them the fullest information I could. After listening to both sides, they expressed themselves as being satisfied that the strikers' claims and statements were baseless, and told the boys in a reprimanding way that they had misrepresented the matter to them. Although I cannot remember the exact language used, I remember the plain meaning of what they said. They told the strikers to go back to work, and stated that they would not sustain them.

"This I thought would be the end of the matter. A few days after I heard that some of the miners were urging the help to stick and keep up the strike. Again I was asked if I was willing to meet some of the union men who were trying to help to settle the matter, and I assured them that I would meet them at any time, and give them all the information they might desire. I wish to add that I then expected to meet again some intelligent men as those whom I met at first, and although some of the men I did meet at the second time put sensible and practical questions to me, the majority of them were members from the breaker boys and mule drivers' unions, who did not come with any intention of furthering a settlement, but to show a little notoriety and have some fun.

"To both delegations I proved that our help was earning from 10 to 20 per cent. more than in any other mill of the same class in that region, and that this was not on account of having any extra advantage over other manufacturers, but simply for the reason that we have a piecework system, and every hand is paid according to his or her own merit and skill in doing the work. Our poorest hand in each department is earning on piecework nearly the top price received for the same kind of work in other mills.

FIRST OPERATION.
"For instance a poor winter makes in our mill about \$12 per month; a good winter, if working full time, makes as much as from \$18 to \$20 per month. The pay for a good winter in other mills is \$12 per month, and winters with not much experience get only from \$6 to \$10 per month.

SECOND OPERATION.
"The second operation is doubling. A

poor doubler makes in our mill about \$12, and the better hands make from \$12 to \$20 per month. The weekly pay for such work in other mills is about \$10 per month.

"Spinner's day spinners earn from \$12 to \$15 per month, if run full time. Hands doing the same class of work in other mills earn from \$8 to \$10 per month.

"Night spinners earn in our mill from \$16 to \$18 per month. In other mills they work for about \$10 per month.

"The last process is reeling. A reeler earns in our mill from \$16 to \$18 per month. For the same work in other mills they pay about \$10 per month. "From above earnings, which I can prove are correct, the public can see that there is no reason for complaint. Everyone has the same chance to make as much as his or her diligence and ability permit them to make.

"Now we will take up the demands of the strike as sustained by the gentlemen representing the miners' unions, at the rate they stated in the public print. We would have to employ: 75 per cent. of the help at \$26... \$1,950 25 per cent. of the help at \$29... 400 5 per cent. of the help at \$34... 70 "This will make for each 100 hands per month, \$2,420, against the average earnings of 100 hands doing the same work in other mills for \$1,050.

"It ought not to take long for a man with any common sense to see that the strike is not justified and that the demands urged are absurd. Excepting a few hands troublesome in nature, and too lazy to work, none desired to be idle. Over 250 contented people have been working in our mill ever since the boys struck, and we could have had double the number if business had been better.

"I have explained the position of the company thus at length, deeming it only fair to the public to do so. It is for the latter to decide, whether or not we shall close our mill. We cannot increase the wages of our employees. The present conditions of trade will not warrant any increase. The strike, if continued, will hurt the strikers more than it will hurt us, and we purpose now, and always to manage our own business ourselves, without any interference on the part of outsiders, who either cannot, or will not if they can, judge intelligently as to the truth of our representations. Without our mill and the Hendrick works what source of support would many people in Carbonade have had last fall?"

"Manager Klots Throwing Co."

It is stated by the strikers that there will not be enough hands reporting for work at the mill this morning to enable it to run. They claim to have made enough converts to their cause among the boys and girls working there to shut the mill down. Whether their claim will be proven true or not, we will see. At any rate, the consensus of public opinion seems to be that the strike has been prolonged to an unreasonable length.

"The Parish Priest."

Daniel Sully and his excellent company of actors appeared at the Grand Opera House here on Saturday evening. The house which greeted him was a poor one, half the seats being empty. This is something new for Mr. Sully this season, as he has been playing to large audiences almost consistently. But of late it seems to be the fate of all companies playing here, Chauncey O'cott being the only exception so far this season.

"The Parish Priest" certainly deserved better treatment, for it is a strong play, full of quality Irish wit and pathetic scenes. The audience was kept interested every moment, and there was not a dull situation throughout the entire three acts. Tonight the play will be presented in Scranton, where it has been presented twice previously, and has on each occasion been greeted with packed houses.

The Coming Germania Ball.

The Germania Singing society will hold their annual masquerade ball on Thursday, Jan. 17, in their hall in the Keystone block. As this ball is always regarded as one of the jolliest social events of the year, its coming is looked forward to with pleasure by many. This year the society expects to introduce some new features which will make their first ball of the century novel. An energetic committee has charge of the details and will, no doubt, leave nothing undone which might in any way add to the pleasure of their members and guests.

The DeVonde Company.

Chester DeVonde and his excellent company will begin their week's engagement at the Grand opera house tonight. There will be a high-class attraction every night, also first-class specialties will be introduced. "Ten-Ton Door" will be the opening bill. The title is derived from a British fort that is located near Alexandria, Egypt.

The blowing up of the entire fort in the third act is one of the greatest pieces of stagecraft attempted.

New Occupants.

Elliott Skeels, the popular white-haired conductor of the Delaware and Hudson, removed his household effects last week from his residence on Cemetery street to the Kennedy block, on River street, making it much more convenient for him to reach his work. Reed Fowler and family will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Skeels.

In Business for Himself.

Otto Oppenheimer, for a number of years the head clerk in Abe Sahm's shoe store, has purchased the haberdashery store of James L. Partridge in Stroudsburg. He has departed for his new place of business, and the best wishes of his many friends in this city for his success accompany him.

Assistant Foreman.

Morgan Thomas has accepted a position as assistant foreman at the No. 3 shaft of the Delaware and Hudson. He was formerly foreman at this shaft, but he has not been working for the company for several months.

Theatrical.

Tonight—"The Ten-Ton Door."

A RAILROADER KILLED.

Patrick Scott, Formerly of Carbonade, Struck by a Locomotive.

Word was received in this city on Saturday that Patrick J. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Scott, of this city, was struck by a locomotive at East Hartford, Conn., the previous night about 6 o'clock, and instantly killed. The news was embodied in two telegrams received by his parents, one from the superintendent of the railroad and the other saying that the remains had been taken in charge by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, of which organization the victim was a member.

Patrick J. Scott was born in this city and lived here until a few years ago, when he secured employment on the Consolidated railroad, and had since been in its employ up to the time of his death. He was twenty-eight years old.

Besides the parents, one brother and five sisters survive him. They are John Scott, Mrs. W. J. McDonough, the Misses Genevieve and Rosella Scott, all of this city; Mrs. H. E. Taylor, of Forest City, and Mrs. J. Brewster, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The remains arrived in this city yesterday morning.

HAVE FOUND WATER.

The Reynshanhurst Company Will Have an Abundance.

After drilling down about 200 feet the Reynshanhurst Water company has struck a large flow of water at their new artesian well, enough, it is estimated, to supply its consumers. But to make sure of an unlimited supply the drill will be sent boring its way down to about double the present depth. The water is of the first quality, pure spring and of delicious coolness, even in the hot days.

This is the second well that the company has dug. The first filled with fluid all right, but it was not the kind that could be used for drinking purposes, so it was abandoned. Now every requirement in that line will be fulfilled. The water will be pumped from the well to the reservoir just above Reynshanhurst.

A Horse Causes Excitement.

A horse driven by Patrick A. Walker, the ex-conductor, caused a few moments' excitement on Saturday morning. From some cause or other the animal suddenly conceived the notion that he was cut out for a runner and started off at a lively gallop on Church street, which seems to be the popular thoroughfare for the runaway horses. When it got to the corner of Salem avenue the horse made a quick swing to continue its flight up the steep hill, but it got tangled up with a telegraph pole in front of Sullivan's shoe shop, and this was Mr. Walker's chance to get control of it. He grasped the opportunity and the horse, no damage resulted except to the spectators' feelings, who were disappointed at the quick ending of what promised to be a little excitement.

Not Undertaker Purple.

It was stated in an evening paper on Saturday that the body of Mrs. Harvey Smith would arrive in this city from the West this morning. Undertaker Purple would not arrive in town until Tuesday. Mr. Purple desires it to be stated that he is in no wise connected with the funeral arrangements of Mrs. Smith, and that he has not been out of town since last Wednesday.

The Christmas Collection.

The Christmas collections at the Church of St. Rose did not netted the sum of a little over \$1,200. This is about \$200 less than was donated in 1899, but is a good showing when it is considered that the city and its inhabitants have not yet recovered from the miners' strike and that normal conditions of work and wages are as yet far behind what they were a year ago.

Have Returned South.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harwood and two children, of Beckley, W. Va., who have been visiting friends at Waymart, Gravity and Carbonade, have returned south. Mr. Harwood is a successful lumber man of that section, owning and operating a large saw-mill. He says that there is a vast wealth of bituminous coal in that region and that mining is developing rapidly.

The Bishop in Town.

Bishop Talbot, the Protestant Episcopal bishop of this diocese, will be the guest of Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, of the Trinity church in this city, today. The bishop and the minister will discuss the details and the day after opening the new church. This evening the vestrymen will hold a meeting to take action upon the bishop's recommendation.

A New Firm.

Two young men from Scranton have located in Moon's shop, at the corner of Belmont and Canaan streets, and have embarked in the carriage and sign painting business. As this is the only carriage painting firm with adequate facilities this side of Scranton, it is thought that the new firm will have a promising field.

The Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer begins tonight in all of the Protestant churches of the city, which will hold united meetings. Tonight's meeting will be held in the Congregational church, and will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Whalen, who will have for his theme "The World's Need and Destiny."

Gone to Honesdale.

Miss May Thorpe, of Summit avenue, has accepted a position in the glass factory of T. B. Clark & Son, in Honesdale, and has removed to the Maple City.

An Installation.

At the last meeting of the James Stuart council, No. 768, Junior Order United American Mechanics, the following officers were installed: Councilor, Fred Van Sickle; vice councilor, C. Mosher; recording secretary, Wil-

liam Greenslade; conductor, John Jones; warden, Arthur Rowe.

Meetings Tonight.

Select council.
School board.
Olive Leaf lodge, No. 156, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
Typographical union, No. 239.
Federal union, No. 7204.
Branch 163, National Association of Letter Carriers.
Young Men's Institute.
Merchants' association.
Washington camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Gone to Pittston.

With the Erie company assuming charge of the Butler Mine company on Jan. 1 some changes have taken place. Bernard Holleran, mine superintendent for several years, has resigned his position to go to Virginia. He is succeeded by J. Walsh, of Carbonade, who has already assumed his duties.—Pittston Gazette.

A New District Organizer.

It is announced in labor circles that Charles H. O'Brien, of North Scranton, has been appointed district organizer of the Retail Clerks' association. His district will take in all of Lackawanna county. The new organizer is well and favorably known in Carbonade.

Knights of Father Mathew Install.

The Knights of Father Mathew held their installation of officers in St. Rose hall yesterday afternoon. After the business was over, an enjoyable smoker was held. Several speakers entertained their fellow-members by discussions of the topics of the times.

The Passing Throng.

Miss Rebecca Coleman has returned home after visiting in Pittston. Miss Ella Burke is visiting in Scranton. Miss Kate Byrne is in New York city.

D. J. Foley is entertaining his father, Daniel Foley, and his sister, Miss Agnes.

Mrs. T. J. Whitehead, of Belmont street, is confined to her home by illness.

Van Kirk Stansburg, of High street, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Miss Lois Hall, of Lincoln avenue, has returned from a short visit to Binghamton.

Mrs. Ida Coleman, of Lincoln avenue, left for Scranton last evening, where she will visit a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Mooney, of Rutland, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mooney, of Brooklyn street.

Frank Schoonover, of Cemetery street, leaves town this morning to resume his studies at Drew Theological seminary.

Messrs. James Nealon, Willie McGarry and Joe Russler will leave on Wednesday to resume their studies at St. Michael's, Toronto.

Rev. J. J. Merrill and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Richmond, of Cherry avenue, previous to his taking up a pastorate at Smithville Plains, N. Y.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

The home of Mrs. Reynolds, of Second street, was destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. The cause of the conflagration is unknown. Mrs. Reynolds and granddaughter, who resides with her, were both out at the time. The fire had been under way some time before it was discovered. The first noticed at 3:30 o'clock, when dense volumes of smoke issued from the building. No alarm was turned in, but the fire was seen from the Delaware and Hudson breaker and the whistle blown. About the same time the Cryslar fire company arrived and quickly followed by the Artesians. Their arrival was just in time to prevent the destruction of the adjoining property, which was in great danger.

Mrs. Reynolds' loss is complete, and besides her home and household furniture, she lost a carpet-valuing man-chine by which she earned her livelihood. No insurance was carried on either building or contents. Much sympathy is expressed for the unfortunate woman, who has been sorely afflicted the past few years.

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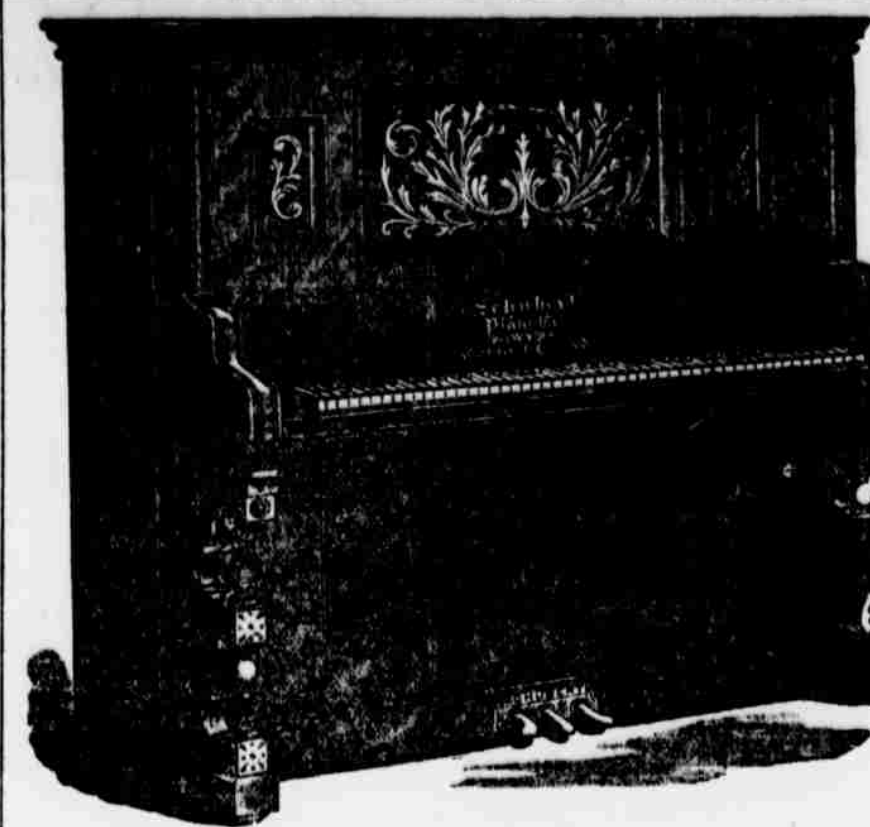
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PECKVILLE.

George Bates, of Brook street, who fell from a trestle at the Lackawanna colliery on Friday, died of his injuries Saturday morning. He is survived by a wife and five children. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from Brook street, at 2 o'clock.

Rev. J. S. Thomas will officiate.

Master Archie Tinkler, who was con-



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by the burning of a shifting shanty at the corner of the street.

The Delaware and Hudson company paid their Grassy Island colliery employees Saturday.

William Bonner has announced himself as candidate for the office of assessor. Mr. Bonner is the present incumbent.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. Thielepaugh is very ill of diphtheria.

OLYPHANT.

This evening at the Father Mathew Opera house the Tonny Shaver company will begin a week's engagement, presenting a repertoire of popular plays at popular prices. Each play is mounted with special scenery and effects carried by the company. Numerous specialties will be introduced between the acts. Tonight "The Victorian Cross" will be presented.

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fore would take the entire day to distribute the bounties.

The vigilant committees of all wards of the borough are requested to meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock to arrange the date for Republican primaries and for candidates to register and pay their assessments.

Mr. Gomer Jones will leave this morning for Pottsville, Schuylkill county, on a business trip.

Emblem division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will meet in regular session this evening.

John R. Thomas is a candidate for the office of borough auditor, subject to the Republican primaries.

This evening Aetna lodge, No. 579, Free and Accepted Masons, will meet, when the new officers recently installed will have charge.

Mrs. Daniel Owens, of Wilkes-Barre, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Owens, of Union street.

Harry Hines, of Scranton, circulated among friends in Binghamton yesterday. Druggist and Mrs. Thomas Watkins, of Ollyphant, were the guests of his mother, Mrs. W. W. Watkins, of Grove street, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemons and family, of Scranton, spent the Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cummings, of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Haskins and children were guests of relatives in Ollyphant on the Sabbath.

A grand entertainment will be held in the Sibley Methodist Episcopal church on Thursday evening, Jan. 10, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. The proceeds will go to liquidate the expenses of different purposes in connection with the edifice. A treat is in store for those desirous of being present.

G. Evans is a candidate for the office of borough auditor.

THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

How It Has Been Developed in One Hundred Years.

When Washington first beheld the city which bears his name, shortly before his death in 1799, it was a struggling settlement in the woods, almost wholly devoid of streets, with thirty or forty residences—most of these small and uncomfortable—and an unfinished capital and president's house. Indeed Washington long remained a sparsely built, unsightly city and a comfortable place of residence. For more than a generation its growth in population was less than six hundred a year, a rate of increase that would now put to shame almost any village in the land; and so late as 1850, De Tocqueville, the French minister, could write that "Washington was neither a city,