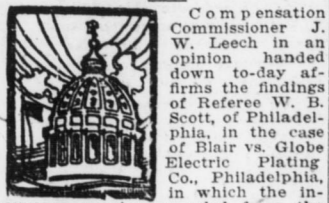


COMPENSATION RULINGS GIVEN

Important Decision in Regard to Failure of Employer to Give Claim Notice



Compensation Commissioner J. W. Leech in an opinion handed down to-day affirms the findings of Referee W. B. Scott, of Philadelphia in the case of Blair vs. Globe Electric Plating Co., Philadelphia, in which the insurance carrier appealed from the award on the ground that the employer did not give it notice of the claim filed. Mr. Leech makes this ruling: "If the insurance carrier has any just grounds for complaint or relief it should proceed against the assured, the employer. It now appears that the claimant has entered into the military service of his country and it would be manifestly unjust under all the circumstances of this case to delay the matter any further."

The commissioner has dismissed the appeal of the Portage Coal Mining Co. in the claim of Samuel McCreary, Portage, in which the claimant refused to permit an operation for the removal from an eye of a piece of a dynamite cap. Mr. Leech says: "We cannot find that any of the doctors who testified could promise much relief and there is considerable speculation as to the beneficial effects of an operation," which the claimant refused to permit to be performed.

Chairman Mackey rules in the case of an alien killed in this country and with a wife and child in Italy that the employer has the right to commute an award without an order of the board.

The chairman has affirmed a ruling of Referee Thomas J. Dyer in the case of John Cummings vs. Seneca Coal Mining Co., Chambersville. Mr. Mackey better—Chairman Harry A. Mackey, of the Compensation Board, who has been ill is improving rapidly.

Much Interest in Meeting.—Capitol Hill has taken a big interest in the meeting of the district boards here yesterday. Only State officials are exempt from call under the draft. All clerks within draft age must go who called.

Inspection On.—Commissioner of Fisheries Buller, said to-day that the inspection of the Schuylkill was under way and it was hoped to find the cause of dead fish so much complained of.

Watching Gettysburg.—The State health authorities are watching developments at Gettysburg very closely and the Attorney General's Department may be called upon to step in. The cleaning up of the town will be charged to the borough.

Governor Spoke.—Governor Brumbaugh spoke yesterday at the Grand meeting at Livermore, Me., on the part the farmer plays in a great national crisis.

Port Inspecting.—Fire Marshal Hart is making a series of inspections of places near Harrisburg about



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NEWS OF STEELTON ENTERING GREAT BUILDING BOOM

Millions Being Spent by Corporations and Individuals For Improvements

That Steelton is entering on the biggest boom in its history is admitted by many men who are in the town. The immense improvements which are going on in the borough, mainly at present by the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The former corporation has spent several million dollars since it took over the plant from the Pennsylvania Steel Company early in 1915 and plans made some time ago will require the expenditure of many more millions.

One of the many improvements, and probably the costliest of all, is the modernizing of the blast furnace department, which when completed, will consist of a five-furnace centralized plant, extending in a southeasterly direction from a point below Swatara street. These furnaces have a capacity of 500 tons of pig metal daily and when the first of the battery was completed it was referred to as "the million dollar furnace."

Two of these big furnaces have been in operation for some time and a third one is being rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

While there have been no very large buildings erected in the borough proper in the last two years, yet there has been considerable improvement in the matter of new dwellings and the alteration of others into apartments, thus increasing the housing facilities. These facilities will be greatly enlarged when the new dwellings in North Front street, extending from one block from Jefferson to Eleanor streets, are completed.

One of the most extensive buildings to be erected in Steelton, outside the steel plant during the present year will be the new freight station for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the bed of the old canal above Trevick street.

31 Miles of Streets According to Borough Engineer Callaghan, the borough has 31 miles of streets and 15 miles of which are paved. There are also 15 miles of sanitary sewers, nine miles of storm sewers and 19 miles of water mains.

The valuation of the real estate owned by the borough is placed at \$27,811,977 while the total valuation of the borough, according to the last triennial assessment is given at \$5,675,595. According to the auditor's report for 1916 the receipts of the borough for last year were \$103,569.94, and the expenses for same period were \$99,050.76.

Schools Rated High The borough's schools are well supplied and the receipts from this source for 1916 were \$33,211.29. The balance of the receipts for last year are from a variety of miscellaneous sources.

The borough's force of policemen consists of the following officers and patrolmen, Chief, Thomas V. Gardner; sergeant, Leon Hand; desk sergeant, Valentine Masters; patrolmen, Joseph Trombino, James W. Pearson, John Wynn, Kevan Burrell, Gus Behman and Samuel Bowermaster.

The borough fire department is composed of six volunteer companies which are so well drilled that the firemen are more than a match in most other boroughs in the State. The borough council recently decided to motorize the fire department and appropriated \$25,000 for the purchase of a fire engine, hose, chemical and engine; two combination hose and ladder and one combination hook and ladder and chemical.

The last named apparatus has been delivered and the remainder are expected to arrive in the borough inside the next few weeks.

The borough schools have the reputation of being in advance of similar institutions in the boroughs of the State and are the equal to the public schools of many cities of the third class. This opinion was voiced recently by a noted educator of a neighboring State, after making an inspection of the school methods in vogue in Steelton.

Detective Durnbaugh Loses His Prisoner

For the second time in his official life Detective Durnbaugh lost a prisoner last evening when Joseph Martino, whom the detective was taking from the borough lockup to the office of Squire Stees in the Trust Building for a preliminary hearing on an assault and battery charge.

As the two men approached River alley and Locust street, Martino, who was not handcuffed, made a sudden dash for liberty, neither did he stop when the detective fired several revolver shots into the air. The escaped prisoner was trailed up Front street for some distance when the trail became indistinct.

The first time that Detective Durnbaugh lost his man occurred some years ago when he placed a man under arrest in the foreign section of South Third street. Durnbaugh at that time was Chief of the Borough police. He lost his man in bed. After dressing, all but his shoes, the former chief started downstairs with his man. On reaching the first floor, the prisoner asked permission to go to the yard toilet.

As soon as the kitchen door was open, the foreigner dashed out, slammed the door shut in Durnbaugh's face and in his bare feet made good his escape before the chief could follow. Durnbaugh however, got his man a few days later and a belief is that Martino must go far and fast in this instance if he finally outwits the detective.

MRS. SHOOP IS DEAD

Mrs. Christian Shoop, for many years a resident of Steelton and who while here resided with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Baughman, 251 South Second street, died Tuesday at midnight at the home of another daughter, Mrs. J. M. Walters, in Penbrook.

Mrs. Shoop is survived by the following children: Mrs. Joseph Hummel, Mrs. John Guekes, Mrs. Harry Follett, Curtis Shoop, Mrs. James Sertzer, Mrs. Baughman, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Frank Hoerner.

Funeral services will be held in the Baughman residence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Weirick officiating. Burial will take place at Middletown.

BOYS ARE WARNED

The practice of boys stealing rides on the rear end of automobile trucks and wagons which has resulted in several violent deaths of boys in recent years is going to be broken up by the borough police department.

Four boys, two of whom are twelve years old and the others fourteen and fifteen years, were taken before Burgess Wickfield for the ride stealing offense last evening. Future offenders for this act, which has many times been warned against by the police, will be arrested and fined.

FIFTEEN TONS POWDER USED IN BIG BLAST

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pany engineers shortly after 5 o'clock. With one big rumble the mass of rock and dirt was hurled into the air.

The top of the cliff is convex in shape, the highest part being near the center. This accounts for the difference in the depth of the holes drilled, the depth being gauged to come level on the bottom.

Thirty thousand one hundred and fifty pounds, or a little more than fifteen tons, of Trojan powder was required to fill the thirty-nine holes, all of the holes being connected with electric wires while being charged, and the shot was made by an operator who was stationed far back on the bluff and who on being given the signal that all was clear pressed

a button and the explosion took place. Bent Views Explosion Stationed on a high bluff located in the upper end of the quarries last evening were Quincy Bent, general manager of the Steelton and Lebanon plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company; M. L. Jacobs, superintendent of the various stone quarries of the Bethlehem Steel Company; M. L. Muth, superintendent of the Steelton quarries, and several newspaper men.

Earth Shakes The tense attitude of this group of spectators was visible on their countenances while the signals were being flashed back and forth a few moments before the shot was fired. When the supreme moment came there was a deep roar and distinct shock, which not only shook the bluff on which the steel company officials and others were standing, but which was plainly felt one mile away from the quarries, where, it is said, dishes danced around on several supper tables.

Directly following the shock the entire face of the cliff, which is 695 feet in length, rose slightly, shoved out from the solid part and an instant later crumbled into small parts and fell with a peculiar grinding noise down to the bottom of the quarry. The top of the crumbling mass of stone was only visible for several seconds, when a pall of limestone dust, intermingled with the purplish-blue smoke from the mass of powder, rose from the bottom of the quarry and shut from view the settling of the grinding mass.

Rocks Fly Near Clearing the quarry of men, equipment and horses began ten minutes before the shot was fired, the signals being blown from the three steam drills and several steam shovels, the latter being used in loading stone on railroad cars in the quarry.

Frank Leonard, an expert from the Trojan Powder Company, at Allentown, was sent here to supervise the charging of the holes and he pressed the button which fired the shot. When the explosion took place a shower of stones ranging in size from a walnut to a man's fist fell

COAL PRICES TO LOWER IRON COST

Will Reduce Expense of Melting and Heating Operations at Steel Plants

The President's announcement of a \$2 base on bituminous coal instead of the concession of a \$3 price made by the operators is no surprise, and it does not furnish the key to the vastly more complicated problem of steel prices, the iron age of to-day reports.

Coke prices, it is to be expected will be fixed in line with coal, but as the fixing of a low price for coke will not increase the supply and may lessen it, the effect on the pig-iron market is yet to be determined.

Cheaper coal, however, will mean lower cost pig melting and heating operations at steel works and hence some revision of cost sheets now in the hands of the Government.

While the steel trade waits for the Government to decide what it will pay for munition and ship steel, and expects that decision soon, the situation as to prices of steel for the allies and the public is in no respect clearer. The Government's advisers are working to avoid a direct legal issue as to the taking of orders from the allies at the same prices charged the Government, but two developments of the week indicate that the situation cannot be allowed to drift much longer.

The first of these was the practical suspension of the activities of the American Iron and Steel Institute's committee on steel, which has been the distributing medium for Government war orders and ship steel.

A second important development was the holding up of the Government's orders for 10,000 tons of annealed wire and 20,000 tons of wire rods to the furnaces in Italy. Half of this had been accepted by the manufacturers at prices to be determined later, with the proviso that the Government actually place the order and become responsible for payment.

TO HOLD FESTIVAL The Prima Department of the First Methodist Sunday School will hold an ice cream festival in the social rooms of the church this evening. In connection with the festival a sale of pies and cakes will be held starting at 4 o'clock.

MIDDLETOWN

Carl Schiefer will spend a week at Harrisburg, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Harry Schiefer.

Dr. D. T. P. Deatrick returned home after spending a week at Gettysburg visiting relatives.

W. F. Schiefer, of Middletown, spent Tuesday at Goldsboro.

Miss Mabel Kurtz returned home after spending several days at Harrisburg visiting relatives and friends.

Dr. J. C. Nissley returned to Palmyra after visiting his parents for the last few days.

Mrs. Frank Condran, daughter, Pearl, and Mrs. P. E. Hohl, of New York, visited relatives in Columbia yesterday.

Mrs. W. Kurtz and daughter, Edna, left this morning for Ocean Grove and Long Branch, where they will spend several days visiting friends.

The Mothers' Congress Circle of town, met in the rooms of the Red Cross Chapter yesterday where they were busily engaged in preparing kits which will be given to the soldiers.

Mrs. George Platt, of Front street, was called to Newtown, Lancaster county, on account of the sudden death of her father, J. S. Rhoades. He was found dead in his potato patch early yesterday morning. He was 79 years old. He spent two days of last week visiting his daughter in town.

The M. A. A. of town, and the Ruxton A. C. of Harrisburg, will cross bats on the diamond at the fair grounds Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

H. C. Lindemuth is spending several days at Gettysburg attending the state convention of Knights of Pythias lodge.

Miss Grace Keefer returned to her home at Shippensburg.

Mrs. Charles Oberly, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting her parents, and Mrs. Charles Dasher, for some time.

At a birthday party last evening at the home of Miss Floya Weid, at which time she announced her engagement to Dr. John C. Nissley. The following guests were present: Mrs. Walter Schiefer, Mrs. F. W. Bergerter, Misses Lydia Peters, Matilda Nissley, Edna Beard, Mary Erb, Mary Peters, Margie Longenecker, Clara Beck, Emid Peters, May Fuhrman. Refreshments were served.

Two Traffic Violators Fined; One Has Attorney to Plead For Leniency

Richard Quigley, 357 South Eighth street, was brought before the municipal police court yesterday afternoon on a charge of violating the ordinance which recently went into effect prohibiting drivers of vehicles to park cars in Third street. Quigley, driver of a Buick, was fined \$15. Permitted his car to stand in front of the establishment from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 o'clock, police claimed. A fine of \$3 was imposed.

George W. Orth, a baker at 1725 North Sixth street, paid a fine of \$5 on a charge of repeatedly failing to see the request of the police to keep his bakery wagon to the curb while attending the markets.

Charles Collins, an aged man picked up by officers because he had imbibed too freely, was dismissed after Alderman Nicholas had given him kindly lecture.

Alvin Baturin, who drives a jitney, was in court charged with driving his car at night without lights. An officer in one of the firehouses saw Baturin go by and called to him that he was running without lights. Attorney Robert Rosenber was present and pleaded with the Court both long and earnestly that his client be let down easy. In view of the fact that the lights had gone out entirely by accident, and because his client didn't like to pay fines. Or, perhaps, it was Mr. Baturin who advanced the latter idea, for he continued to address the Court, for after that body was in a receptive mood.

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