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ADVANCE ACCEPTED BY EMPLOYEES

All details seem to be arranged and the fact is understood that the big mill, idle since June, will start up on Monday next, December 3rd.

The advance granted by the Reading Iron company, which grew out of the recent revision of the wage schedule, was submitted to the workmen on last Thursday. It amounted to a 13 1/2 per cent. advance for the puddlers, which raises the price to \$4.59 per ton. In addition to this the company makes slight advances to the millers.

Saturday forenoon the employes of the Reading Iron works held a meeting at their usual meeting place in the army, when the advance submitted to the men Thursday was formally considered. It was agreed to accept the proffered terms and after the meeting the committee waited upon the general manager at the company's office and informed him of this. This was about all that was necessary and it now seems to be perfectly understood between the management and the men that the plant will start up next Monday.

The old employes will all go back to their places. A large number of the six or seven hundred men employed, it is true, are out of town working elsewhere, but they have a week in which to adjust affairs where they are employed and to get back to town.

The Reading Iron works is the main industry in the town. During the long period of its idleness, covering a period of five months, the business interests of Danville suffered materially and until assurance was given that an agreement had finally been reached between the company and the employes everyone looked forward to the long winter ahead with dread and misgiving. Under the circumstances Thanksgiving, only a few days distant, will have a new significance to our people. Trade will no doubt instantly revive and in a short time Danville will assume its wonted activity.

Too much can not be said for the conduct of the workmen during the long strike. At no time was there the least semblance of disorder. The rank and file seemed to act upon the advice of those who had been entrusted with the leadership and fortunately for the success of the cause these men cool-headed and discreet in every emergency and who seemed influenced by one consideration and that was the general good. All classes were well taken care of and so far as known there were no cases of destitution or suffering.

Death of Edward Foley.

Edward Foley, one of Danville's most notable citizens, and a man who has been identified with the iron industry in this city for over half a century, died Tuesday at 5:30 o'clock at his home on East Front street from the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Foley came to this country from Staffordshire, England, in 1848 with Charles Hunt and William Twist, both of whom are now dead. By occupation a roll turner, he was employed at the Co-operative mill and later at the North branch and Mahoning. About six years ago he retired owing to failing health.

The deceased was aged 81 years and 9 months. He is survived by his wife and the following son and daughters: Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. T. J. Price and Miss Kate Foley of this city; Mrs. Jennie Evenson, of Kingston, and William Foley, of Berwick.

He was a life long member of the Methodist church and a charter member of Beaver lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, of Danville.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence. The remains of Pythias will have charge of the services. Interment will be made in the Episcopal cemetery.

Sunday Services at St. John's.

Arrangements have been made where-by service will be held at St. John's German Lutheran church twice each Sunday, morning and evening. Services will be held for the Lutheran congregations at Grosvenor and Ridgewood on alternate Sunday afternoons. This arrangement of services will be in effect after next Sunday.

Practicing for Christmas.

Since Christmas is but four weeks away, the Sunday schools are beginning to practice the work by which they expect to observe the birth of the Christ child and at the same time entertain their friends. The practice at the present time consists largely in drill in the musical numbers and the recitative will be taken up later. The present indications are that the services in all of our churches will be very beautiful and appropriate.

Robbed Mine Box Cars.

On Sunday night nine Reading freight cars on the siding at West Mill town were broken into by robbers and a quantity of wine and cigars and other merchandise was taken. The matter was kept as quiet as possible Monday by the railroad people and several detectives were on the ground during the most of the day. As far as is known there is no clue to the thieves.

DRIVERS MUST WALK THEIR HORSES

In a few days a notice will be conspicuously posted at each end of the river bridge, which will give notice to automobilists but drivers of horses quite a jar. Each board will be some 4 1/2 x 3 1/2 feet, the lettering being of white on a black surface; so that anyone who "runs may read." Following is the legend set forth for the edification of those who use the bridge:

"To drivers of horses, etc.: Notice is hereby given that any person or persons who shall ride or drive across any portion of this bridge faster than a walk shall forfeit or pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than thirty dollars for each and every offense. By order of county commissioners of Montour and Northumberland counties."

The board contains a similar notice to owners and drivers of automobiles, who are warned not to operate or drive any automobile or motor vehicle across any portion of the bridge at a speed greater than a mile in six minutes, under penalty of a fine not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars.

The large boards or notices were painted by Chris Hershey and were delivered at the county commissioners' office on Saturday. After some slight alterations in workmanship they will be posted at the bridge. The posting of the notices imposing these rather radical restrictions upon drivers is pursuant to action taken at a joint meeting of the county commissioners of Northumberland and Montour counties recently and grew out of the abuse of the bridge by automobilists and persons wishing to show off their horses, who habitually used the bridge as a speedway. The Montour county board of commissioners might have compromised on some rate of speed a trifle faster than a walk—if the maintaining of any middle ground were practicable in the premises—but the Northumberland county board could not see that a compromise was practicable and insisted on carrying out the letter of the law in such cases made and provided, or in other words on holding all down to a walk.

A great big kick will no doubt result from this action of the county commissioners. During the year or more that the bridge has been open there has been no restrictions as to speed. The horses have become accustomed to trotting across and it will prove a hard job to hold some of them down to a walk. The sweeping restrictions as to speed has of course been all brought about by reckless and inconsiderate people, who are in the habit of speeding their horses over the bridge. Whether a slow or moderate trot injures the bridge to any appreciable extent might be a question but to the racing of horses or speeding of automobiles through the driveway there can be no difference of opinion. The effect on the bridge is perceptible at such times and no one can doubt but injuries must result.

Dropped Dead on Public Road. George Watson, a well known resident of Jerseytown, succumbed suddenly Monday afternoon to an attack of heart trouble. Death overtook Mr. Watson while he was walking on the public road about a mile from his home.

Mr. Watson had been to the farm of Charles Martz, about a mile from Jerseytown, and was on his way home when he was overcome. He was on foot and was driving a cow. Mr. Martz had just said good bye to his visitor when a short while later the cow came running back. Puzzled at the return of the animal, Mr. Martz investigated and found the unfortunate man about 500 yards away, he having sunk into a kneeling position. Mr. Watson was dead when Mr. Martz arrived on the scene.

The deceased had been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time, but his ailment of late had not been of sufficient severity to cause immediate alarm. The sudden death came, therefore, as a great shock.

The deceased was 63 years of age, and is survived by a wife, a half brother, John Watson, principal of the Third street schools of Bloomsburg and two sisters, Miss Ella, of Bloomsburg, and Miss Sallie, who resides in New Jersey. He was a member of the Jerseytown M. E. church, and was known as a man of exemplary character. He was generally liked and his loss will be felt among a wide circle of friends.

Cancels Engagement.

Ira T. Howarth, the well known educator, who was to have been one of the lecturers at the local institute which convenes in this city next week has been incapacitated by a serious accident and compelled to cancel all of his engagements for this fall.

Mr. Howarth was lecturing at an institute in Indiana when he was caught under a falling roof and sustained a fracture of both bones of the right lower leg. Mr. Howarth was to have taken part in the institute on Monday and Tuesday, lecturing on "The Teacher's Art," "The Art of Teaching," and "The Raw Material of the Common Schools."

County Superintendent Derr states that another and competent man will be secured in Mr. Howarth's place.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Rae Johnson is visiting friends in Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horner, of Robinson, Kansas, are visiting at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Alfred Voris, Ferry street.

Thomas Bennetts, of Lewistown, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Miss Margaret Austin, of Scranton, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Limberger and daughter, of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of Charles Limberger, West Mahoning street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christian, and Miss Lucretia Christian, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Emma Christian, Bloom street.

Miss Jessie Russell, Vine street, is visiting relatives in Scranton.

Paul Yarnan arrived last evening for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Yarnan, West Market street.

Joseph Schwartz and daughters, Ethel and Mary, of Plymouth, are spending Thanksgiving at the home of Rush Yerrick, West Mahoning street.

Carlton McHenry arrived yesterday from Lewistown to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Emma McHenry, Centre street.

John Sander, of Plymouth, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Florence Couart left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Wilkes-Barre.

Misses Stella Sander and Bessie Hess will spend this afternoon in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Alice Weaver and Miss Emma Aten will spend Thanksgiving at Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Sue Shindel arrived last evening from Selingsgrove to spend Thanksgiving in this city.

Miss Sarah Unger, teacher in the public schools at Berwick, arrived last evening to spend Thanksgiving at the home of her parents at Union Corner.

Miss Elfriede Weiss, of Tyrone, is visiting at the home of her mother on Bloom street.

Mrs. Charles Haver returned last evening from a visit with friends in Sunbury.

Miss Margaret Aten is visiting friends in Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jameson, of Burhanam, are spending Thanksgiving with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Voris, sons Archibald and William, of Milton, are spending Thanksgiving at the home of the former's sisters, the Misses Mary and Louisa Voris, Pine street.

Arthur Prout is spending Thanksgiving in Harrisburg.

Miss Lenora Holtzheiser, of Milton, arrived last evening to spend Thanksgiving with Miss Lorraine Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McClure, sons Harold, Donald and S. Montgomery, will leave today for a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Bertha Haring, of Philadelphia, will arrive today for a visit at the home of Edward Wetzell, Front street.

Miss Helen Daniels, of Williamsport, is the guest of Miss Mary Roney, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peters attended the American ball at Sunbury last evening.

Miss Elsie and Edwin Moore spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Sunbury.

Mrs. Martha Gearhart will spend Thanksgiving day at Esby as the guest of Mrs. Grace Bradbury.

George Jacobs and Harry Selcho, of Susquehanna university, Selingsgrove, arrived last evening to spend Thanksgiving at the homes of their parents in this city.

Thomas Foltz will spend Thanksgiving with his parents in Shamokin.

Bert McClure and Arthur Campbell will witness the Pennsylvania-Cornell game at Philadelphia today.

Miss Grace Shepperson left last evening for a visit with relatives in Scranton.

Sarah Wilson left yesterday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. August Deener, Williamsport.

Mrs. Emma Pease left last evening for a visit with friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Stylish Women Lodged in Jail

Two women, from all appearances bold and expert shop lifters, who have climbed to the top notch of their shady profession, came to grief in this city Tuesday eve and are now confined in the county prison.

About 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon two prepossessing and stylishly dressed women entered the store of S. Lowenstein, Mill street, and requested to be shown some ladies' cloaks. Miss Lowenstein conducted the women to the rear end of the store where they examined the goods they desired to see, after which they purchased a couple articles of small value and disappeared. So much by way of introduction.

About 5 o'clock the women entered the store of Abram Rosenstein and after making a couple of trifling purchases requested permission to leave a package there and left the store. The young lady clerk did not like the appearance of the women and instinctively felt that something was wrong. Mr. Rosenstein was at supper and as soon as he returned the clerk communicated her suspicions.

Mr. Rosenstein was at once attracted by the appearance of the package, which was wrapped in a careless and inexperienced way as though probably done up in a great hurry. The situation seemed to be one that demanded investigation and Mr. Rosenstein opened the package and was surprised to find a cushion top from his own store, which had not been sold, along with a bolt of ribbon, a handkerchief, a pair of collar feathers and two white wigs. The roll of ribbon, which is not the way in which such articles are sold, seemed to confirm suspicion. The attention of Mrs. Douglas was called to the feathers and she identified them as articles missing from her stock of goods.

At this juncture Mrs. W. P. Angie, who was in her mother's store, notified the chief of police of what had occurred. The chief walked down Mill street accompanied by Mrs. Angie who pointed out the two women that were objects of suspicion. At the sight of the officer they showed uneasiness and seemed to clearly give themselves away. The officer, however, kept at a distance until the women re-entered Rosenstein's store and inquired for the package.

At this point the officer arrested them. The women both protested their innocence and affected to be thoroughly indignant at the accusation. Justice of the Peace Oglesby was called down to the store and on being assured by the women that they were innocent he asked them to give their names, as by that means he could ascertain whether their story was true. He was somewhat surprised to be informed that it was none of his business, the women justifying their reticence by informing the justice that they were not at all interested in knowing his name.

The two women were taken to the office of Justice Oglesby accompanied by the goods they had left at Rosenstein's. The ribbon and handkerchief were identified as articles missing from the Racket store. At this point it was learned that a package was also left at the Racket store. This package was produced and on being opened was found to contain a costly skirt, which was identified as belonging to Mr. Lowenstein, which had not been purchased.

At this juncture Mr. Lowenstein formally lodged in information, charging the two women with theft. As the two accused would not divulge their names the warrant had to be a sort of a "John Doe" affair, which set forth substantially as follows:

That S. Lowenstein appeared before Justice of the Peace Oglesby and on oath declared that on the 27th day of November, 1906, at the store of S. Lowenstein & Co., Lizzie Doe, tall, stout, wearing eye-glasses, and Sallie Roe, tall and slender, did steal, take and carry away from said store on Mill street in first ward, borough of Danville, a black Panama skirt of the value of ten dollars, property of the said Samuel Lowenstein.

During this process, "Sallie Roe," tall and slender, maintained a stolid indifference, and was most of the time half concealed in the shadows in the rear of the room. "Lizzie Doe," tall and stout, however, adopted different tactics. She went swinging backwards and forwards across the room, groaning, sobbing, wringing her hands and exclaiming, "Oh, my! Oh my!" The room was half filled with men, and occasionally the grief-stricken woman stopped before some sympathetic face and in appealing voice begged to know if "something could not be done for them."

When the information was read and the two women were asked to plead they both unhesitatingly and emphatically proclaimed their innocence in these words:

"Why not guilty of course!" Samuel Lowenstein, the first witness identified the skirt and said that it was taken without being paid for. Miss Verdilla Cashner identified the handkerchiefs and ribbon as articles taken from the Racket store without being paid for.

Miss Blanche Lowenstein identified the women arrested as the two who had been in her father's store; she also identified the skirt as one taken from his store.

At this juncture things began to look pretty dark for the women, and Lizzie Doe, asking permission to use the 'phone called up the clerk of one of our hotels and in a voice that was low, pathetic and sweet wailed said: "We are in a nice mess here. Some goods have been stolen and they accuse us of doing it. Can't you come up here. I'll meet you at the door."

It is not clear whether the person addressed paid any attention to the appeal. But the subdued conversation did suffice to turn attention to the place where the women were stopping and the chief of police lost no time in visiting the hotel to determine whether they might not have left some goods there. He was rewarded by finding two large pasteboard boxes crammed full of goods.

Some of the articles bore the name of D. R. Eckman and others that of Fred Howe. These gentlemen being summoned identified the whole batch of goods. Three pairs of hose belonged to D. R. Eckman. All the other articles belonged to Howe and were as follows: Suit of underwear, two pair of garters, three neckties, one pair of half hose, one pair of gloves, one muff and one shirt.

"MONITORSHIP" IN HIGH SCHOOL

The subject of self government came up for discussion in the school board Monday. It was precipitated seemingly by a whole lot of misunderstanding about the system.

Proceedings for a while promised to become stormy. After a while, however, when all sides had been heard and the subject had been talked over soberly a better feeling prevailed and the majority of the members seemed to think the system employed was not so bad after all.

The matter was brought up by Mr. Fischer, who demanded to know by whose authority "self government" was introduced into the high school. He denounced the system, as it had been reported to him, especially the feature of one pupil marking for the others.

Professor Taylor was present and rose to explain. He denied that the system introduced was "self government" as that term is understood. His practice, he said, is merely to appoint a pupil as a "monitor" to keep his eye on the school while the principal's back is turned. He denied the report current in some quarters that these "monitors" do the marking, but stated he in all instances does the marking himself. He is gratified with the excellent results following the experiment and clearly defined his position, showing that there was a vast amount of misrepresentation.

Borough Superintendent Gordy, being called upon, stated that he was watching the experiment being made in the high school very closely and was confident that it was a perfect success. He felt sure, he said, that under the system Professor Taylor, during the past five weeks, has been doing better work than has been accomplished in the high school for years past.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the teachers be paid for county institute and one-half of the month following.

On motion it was ordered that the use of the high school be granted to County Superintendent Derr for teachers' institute.

On motion it was ordered that the schools close on November 28th, and remain closed until December 10th.

Treasurer M. H. Schram presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a net cash balance on hand of \$13475.07.

The treasurer reported that the school districts of Liberty and Valley in Montour county and Gearhart township and Riverside borough in Northumberland county have not yet, after a period of ninety days, made a settlement with the Danville school district for non-resident pupils in the high school. The several districts in arrears represent 27 pupils.

On motion it was ordered that unless the above named districts settle with the Danville school district by the first of next month the treasurer should give each of them notice that unless payment is immediately made the pupils from these districts will be sent home.

The following members were present: Burns, Orth, Harpel, Swartz, Haring, Fish, Fischer, Trumbower, Lutz, Heiss and Grono.

The following bills were then approved for payment:

James Heckendorn	\$1.50
U. S. Express Co.	1.40
Adams Express Co.	.35
Water rent	56.00
Standard Gas Co.	2.25
C. L. Eggert	.63
Sibley & Co.	15.00
Ginn & Co.	13.20
Geo. W. Hendricks	5.69
American Book Co.	5.60
Isaac Pittman Sons	2.79
J. B. Cleaver	2.00
O. M. Leiniger	14.15
C. H. Schmidt	35.50
Geo. F. Reifnyder	82.46
S. W. Armes	5.00
Washington Hose Co.	3.40
Smith Premier Co.	6.92
Roberts & Meek	194.25
A. S. Hartman	1.00
Emery Shultz	2.80
Friendship Fire Co.	7.50
Peter H. Winters	1.30
Ezra S. Haas	1.25
Trumbower & Werkheiser	49.47
Silver Springs Quarry Co.	18.44
E. W. Peters (com)	50.00
J. P. Bare (com)	50.00
Danville Stove & Mfg Co.	599.88

Horses Passed Over His Body. Six-year-old John Monahan, son of Thomas Monahan, West Mahoning street, had an experience yesterday afternoon that the won't forget for a while.

He was playing in the alley in the rear of the City Hotel as a cab came straight into the horses, and was knocked down, while the animals passed over his body. The front wheel of the cab then caught him and had rolled him several feet when he was pulled from his perilous position by Will G. Brown, who happened to be near by.

The lad was nearly overcome by his thrilling experience, and was removed to the office of Dr. Newbaker, where it was ascertained that his injuries were not at all serious, consisting of a few bruises about the mouth.

DEATH AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT

A most unfortunate accident occurred in this city about noon Monday in which a well-known and highly respected citizen of Valley township lost his life. The accident was especially "unfortunate" in that it occurred under circumstances, which unless perfectly understood are apt to give rise to false impressions both as relates to the victim and the place where the sad affair took place.

The man who lost his life was Henry D. Yorks and briefly told the circumstances under which he sustained fatal injury are as follows: During yesterday forenoon Mr. Yorks, who lives at the eastern end of Valley township, started from home and walked into town with County Commissioner G. W. Cook.

After reaching Danville and while walking up Mill street Mr. Yorks became desirous of seeking a toilet room and was directed by Mr. Cook to the narrow alleyway between Elias Maier's restaurant and the property adjoining, which leads around to the rear of the restaurant. The man followed the walk and understanding that the conveniences were installed in the house he entered the side door that leads in to one of the apartments at the rear.

Once inside he was directed to the front apartment in which the bar is located and from the rear of which opens the door to the room he was in quest of.

Now comes the really remarkable part of the story. In entering the bar room from the rear a person walks through a short passage from the side of which opens a door leading into the cellarway. The cellarsteps are rather steep and treacherous and in order to prevent persons from falling great care has always been taken to keep the door closed. More than this, in order to prevent even the remotest possibility of accident, Mr. Maier devised an ingenious lock or contrivance by means of which the door is sure to fly shut and lock itself. It can only be opened by pulling a cord to which an iron ring is attached and which protrudes at the opposite side of the door where the hinges are fastened. In this way the greatest possible security seemed assured, as no one but those familiar with the device could open the door at all, and thus all danger that might arise from strangers mistaking the door for one leading outside was obviated.

But alas as the sequel shows, a strange fatality seems to control some cases and all precautions are in vain.

As Mr. Yorks in obedience to directions was passing from the rear to the front room he passed at the cellar door. E. Z. Witman, the bar tender observing this called to Mr. Yorks: "This way, my friend."

At the same moment to the surprise and consternation of everybody the door flew open—upward—and Mr. Yorks with a crash went head first down the long steep stairs. How the man managed to get the door open is a mystery. There is but one solution and that is that in the single moment that he was fumbling around in the dim light he accidentally caught his finger in the iron ring and opened the door at the same moment falling to his death.

Elias Maier, C. W. Cook, and a couple of others present rushed down into the cellar and found Mr. Yorks lying at the foot of the stairs unconscious. He was carried up onto the first floor and placed on a cot in the rear room. Dr. Shultz and Dr. Newbaker were immediately called. Dr. Shultz arriving first.

The physicians both agreed that the man was fatally injured and that he could live but a short time. The injury sustained was at the base of the brain, causing cerebral hemorrhage and general paralysis, the symptoms being those of fatal apoplexy. The accident occurred just before 12 o'clock and the man lingered until about 1 o'clock when he expired. At no time was he conscious after the accident. The two physicians, who remained with the man until death ensued, were fully convinced as to the cause of death and agreed that an inquest was not necessary.

There never was a death that was more purely accidental and for which more clearly no blame, even in the remotest degree, attached to anyone. Mr. Yorks, the victim, was a man of prudence and sobriety. He did not refresh himself at Mr. Maier's restaurant and as explained above was there purely for another purpose.

As soon as the accident occurred word was telephoned out to Mr. Yorks' home, and in response, his son, Peter A. Yorks, at once drove into town. Upon the latter's arrival the injured man was dead.

The deceased was a life-long resident of Valley township. He was sixty-three years of age and is survived by his wife and one son, Peter A. Yorks, above named, also a resident of Valley township.

Tendered Chicken Supper. The members of the Keystone quartette who gave a concert at the Lutheran church in Washingtonville Tuesday evening, were tendered a fine chicken supper at the home of Mrs. Moser after the concert.

Miss Myrtle Sidler, of Catawissa, is spending Thanksgiving in this city as the guest of Miss Bertha Cromwell, Bloom street.

OUTLINE OF WORK IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

With everything prepared for smooth sailing Speaker Cannon in the house, and Vice President Fairbanks, in the senate, will only have to bring down their gavel with a resounding thump at noon next Monday to start the legislative session on its third month's cruise. This second session of the fifty-ninth congress will adjourn March 4. On account of the many government supply bills to be passed it is extremely doubtful whether there will be a chance for much general legislation. There is a strong probability, however, that a river and harbor bill, carrying about sixty million dollars, will go through. The only obstacle will be the possible opposition of the senate should the advocates of the ship subsidy measure in that body demand that it stand or fall with the river and harbor bill.

SCRAPING ANTICIPATED. Over these two measures and the Philippine tariff bill the politicians of the two houses will probably do some scraping. The administration earnestly desires the enactment of the house bill reducing the tariffs on Philippine sugar, tobacco and rice to 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates, and admitting free all other Philippine products. The senate held the measure up in the last session. If the subsidy advocates in the senate have their way they will support the Philippine tariff bill and the river and harbor measure, which is to contain a provision inaugurating the proposed deep waterway from the lakes to the gulf.

BILLS TO COME UP. Senator LaFollette's bill limiting the hours of continuous labor for railroad employes will have the boards in the senate next week, as the unfinished business. The eight hour and anti-injunction measures, the demand for which by organized labor prompted the American Federation of Labor's recent excursion into the political field will come up for discussion during the session. The eight hour bill has been favorably reported by the house committee on labor. Speaker Cannon's opposition has prevented it from being placed before he house. The anti-injunction measure, which President Roosevelt has promised the labor people the will personally consider, is awaiting action at the hands of the judiciary committee of the house. The chances for the passage of either are said to be very slim.

PRESIDENT TO WRITE MESSAGE. The measure making more stringent the rules governing the admission of aliens into this country will undoubtedly become a law. The measure passed both houses and senate last session and it is now awaiting completion at the hands of conferees. Pure food and railroad rates will be discussed. Early in the session President Roosevelt will send a special message to congress relating to the Panama canal. The members will have something on campaign frauds and the desirability of publicity regarding campaign contributions. Life insurance and fire insurance reforms will be discussed, but there is little chance of legislation concerning these two matters in the present session.

XMAS OR CHRISTMAS. Xmas signs and cards are displayed in the stores, and this calls up the old discussion for and against the usage of the word Xmas instead of Christmas, yet few people seem to know that it is an abbreviation. X represents the Greek symbol Chi, which is, as nearly as the sound of one language can be interpreted in another, the same as our two letters C and H. It is therefore the initial or abbreviation of the name Christmas. An impression seems to have got about that the X was the cross symbol, and therefore incongruous in combination with so joyful a season as that of Christ's birth, and this idea has been advanced as an argument against its use. The only real objection to Xmas is that in some persons' eyes an abbreviation of any sacred name seems lacking in reverence.

Two Puddle Mills Resume. The old puddle mill of the Reading Iron works started up yesterday morning and notwithstanding the long time that it was idle the machinery worked very nicely and ran without a hitch.

The columns of smoke and steam issuing from the south side of the big plant presented a familiar sight, which was welcome enough after the five months' idleness.

Following the Fourth of July several weeks were spent in making repairs about the mill, so that everything now is in good condition and ready for a long and steady run.

Mrs. Foulk's Condition. Mrs. Ralph Foulk, who has been undergoing treatment in the memorial hospital at Johnstown, and whose condition was reported as improving several days ago, has suffered a change for the worse. Last Friday she underwent a severe operation, but is now doing as well as can be expected.

The Interstate Improvement company has decided to drill another well on its lands at Hyner, Clinton county in its territory. The new well will be 1,800 feet deep.

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