

G. B. MARKLE & CO.'S CASE

Strike Commission Told Why Miners Were Evicted.

REFUSED COMPANY'S OVERTURES

Superintendent Williams Says They Were Not Guilty of Criminal Acts, But Mr. Markle Did Not Care to Re-Employ Them.

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—The attention of the anthracite coal strike commission was yesterday directed to the claims and charges of the independent operators, the first case presented being that of G. B. Markle & Co., whose collieries are located in and about Jeddo, in the Lehigh region. Ten witnesses for the company were examined, the more important being Sidney Williams, general superintendent for the firm; Gertrude Martin, a professional nurse in the employ of the company, and Frank Walk, general storekeeper at Jeddo.

Mr. Williams testified that on October 22, at his direction, notices were posted asking the striking employees of the company to appear at the office, bringing their brass checks, and apply for work. Probably 150 men responded, but witness learned that pickets had been stationed along the roads leading to the office to prevent others from doing likewise. On October 23 a committee of miners waited upon Mr. Markle and said the men desired to return in a body as they had quit. They were told that certain men would not be re-employed.

Witness was asked the object of the brass checks and said that the miners were numbered, the checks containing the individual numbers. The company also wanted to know if the men as individuals were willing to accept the commission's arbitration. The miners failed to accept the overtures of the company, and on October 27 twelve notices of eviction were issued. The thirtieth man affected was not a tenant of the company. On November 6 the evictions took place.

Cross-examined Mr. Williams said he was present at all the evictions. "Was any appeal made to you by the men?" asked Mr. Dickson.

"Two of the men came to me and desired to see their leases. I granted them their request.

"Was any undue force used in making the evictions?"

"No, sir, the goods and furniture were placed out on the main highway with reasonable care."

"Did you hear of any case of sickness that made you grant any extensions of time to one or more of the tenants?"

"Two men, I was told, requested an extension of time, but our agent advised us not to grant it. It was asked for in order that an appeal might be made to the courts."

"Did you see any children?"

"I did not."

"Did you see a blind woman almost 100 years of age in your capacity as chief evictor?"

"No, sir."

"Ruin was falling on the furniture and goods of the poor people?"

"I can't say."

"It was raining, though?"

"Yes, sir."

"You made no inquiries as to where or how the old blind woman and the children spent the night?"

"I learned that the old woman's son and daughter-in-law habitually abused her, and that she sat on the ground most of the time."

"Who told you that?" inquired Mr. Darrow in a sneering tone.

"I can't remember."

"You have been told that since?"

"In December, I think."

"So that you didn't turn her out to sit on the ground in October because you thought it was her habit?"

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, January 21.

In a boiler explosion yesterday at the Pittsburgh Glass factory, at Elwood, Ind., three men were fatally injured.

The North German Lloyd steamer Lahn, which grounded on a sand bank near the rock of Gibraltar, was floated yesterday.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Schaffer Piano Manufacturing Company, at Chicago, yesterday, entailing a loss of \$200,000.

A London dispatch says the report circulated in the United States that an anthracite coal trust is being formed in Wales is incorrect.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to attend the bi-centennial celebration of the birthday of John Wesley, to be held in New York, February 26.

Thursday, January 22.

The internal revenue receipts for December, 1902, were \$20,743,852, a decrease from December, 1901, of \$2,063,062.

Jacob H. Gallinger was re-elected United States senator from New Hampshire yesterday.

A bill passed both houses of the Kansas legislature yesterday providing that a commission be appointed to investigate the coal famine.

The Good Roads convention at Albany, N. Y., adopted resolutions favoring the bill in congress appropriating \$20,000,000 for good roads.

The New Jersey board of pardons commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of George Taylor, colored, who was to have been hanged in Jersey City tomorrow for murder.

Friday, January 23.

A bill to prohibit the kissing of the Bible in the administering of oaths was defeated by the Virginia legislature.

The postmaster general has ordered the establishment of free delivery postal service at Cape May, N. J., March 1.

Rev. Jean Skyles, of Gibson, Miss., was sentenced to 19 years in the penitentiary yesterday for bigamy. He had seven wives.

The United Mine Workers' convention, in session at Indianapolis, yesterday issued a letter of thanks to the public for financial aid given them during the anthracite coal strike.

Saturday, January 24.

The house of representatives of the Cuban congress has appropriated \$300,000 to build a capitol.

M. W. Savage, of Minneapolis, owner of Dan Patch, the famous pacer, has insured the animal for \$112,000.

The fall of a bucket down a shaft at the Torredale filter plant, near Philadelphia, yesterday fatally injured two workmen.

Samuel Bryan, a well-known financier of Baltimore and Washington, died yesterday of a complication of diseases.

Captain Harwood, of the British steamer *Albatross*, committed suicide in the cabin of his vessel at Savannah, Ga., yesterday.

Monday, January 26.

General Miles reached Berlin Saturday night and proceeded to Paris a few hours later.

An unusually large number of miners are competing in the annual examination at Altoona, Pa., for positions as foremen, etc.

John B. Scott, proprietor of the Raleigh Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., died suddenly yesterday from a stroke of paralysis.

A man named Shaffer shot and killed Richard Smith at Madison, Ind., yesterday and when lodged in jail tore his clothing to strips and hanged himself.

Charged with the murder of his 4-year-old adopted child Albert Jordan, a rich farmer of Crystal Plains, Kan., has been put in jail, but mob violence is feared.

Tuesday, January 27.

Brigadier General E. M. Hayes was retired yesterday and Col. Charles L. Davis, Fifth Infantry, will be promoted to the vacancy.

The 13th annual banquet of the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York was held at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, last night.

The banking house of Boughton, Ford & Co., of Burton, O., made an assignment yesterday. Assets, \$500,000; liabilities, \$300,000.

Two men were killed and one fatally injured in a freight wreck on the Williamsport & North Branch railroad, near Williamsport, Pa., yesterday.

GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26.—Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.70@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.95@3.10. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.15@3.20 per barrel. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 83c. Corn firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 55c. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 42c.; lower grades, 42c. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$20.50@21 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$20. Live poultry, 13c. for hens, and 9@9 1/2c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13 1/2c. for choice fowls, and 10c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 28c. per pound. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 26c. per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 68@70c. per bushel.

Live Stock Markets. East Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Cattle were steady; prime steers, \$5.10@5.40; heifers, \$3.50@4.50; cows, \$2.90@4.25; bulls, \$3@4.25. Veals were steady; tops, \$8.25@8.75; common to good, \$5.50@8.10. Hogs active and higher; heavy, \$6.90@7; mixed, \$6.80@6.90; yorkers, \$6.75; pigs, \$6.75@6.80; stags, \$4.75@5.25; roughs, \$5.80@6.15. Sheep were steady; top mixed, \$4.25@4.50; culls to good, \$2@4.15. Lambs were higher; tops, \$6.15@6.25; culls to good, \$4.25@4.15; yearlings, \$5@5.25; ewes, \$4.50@4.75.

East Liberty, Pa., Jan. 26.—Cattle were slow; choice, \$5.25@5.40; prime, \$5.20; good, \$4.75@5. Hogs higher; prime heavies, \$6.95@7; mediums, \$6.90@6.95; heavy yorkers, \$6.85@6.90; light yorkers, \$6.80@6.85; pigs, \$6.70@6.75; roughs, \$5@6.40. Sheep were higher; best wethers, \$4.65@4.80; culls and common, \$1.75@2.50; choice lambs, \$5.90@6.10; veal calves, \$7.50@8.

emphasizing his answer by beating the air with his clenched hand. "I understand by the terms of these leases that it was a case of 'stand and deliver.' Paul Levy and old Jimmy Gallagher were good union men, and the company took the ground that 'if you don't work as I want you to, I will put you and your family on the street.' This answer caused a mild sensation, and the lawyer - witness was dismissed without further questioning.

The anthracite strike commission is fast nearing the end of its labors, and a lawyer who speaks with some authority expressed the belief that all the evidence will be in before next Saturday, and all arguments by counsel finished within a fortnight at the utmost. By a humane process of elimination the case of one group of 30 independent operators was closed on Saturday. John Markle and Cox Brothers & Co. were heard today, after which the case of the Reading Coal and Iron Company will be heard.

At the conclusion of all this testimony witnesses will be called in rebuttal by Clarence S. Darrow, counsel for the United Mine Workers. It will take but a few days to hear these witnesses, so that there is every reason for believing that the entire proposition will be before the commission before Saturday, February 7.

That the commission has already agreed upon many points is generally understood, and the work of preparing a report of the findings will be greatly facilitated by a digest of all the established facts, which has been prepared by Dr. O'Neill, one of the two assistant recorders. Commissioner Wright, who is the official recorder, has taken voluminous notes of the entire proceedings, and will, it is understood, write a general summary, based upon an analysis of the statistics filed, and this summary of facts and figures will in all probability form the nucleus of the forthcoming report of the commission.

AMERICAN LINER WRECKED. Reported to be Ashore Near Holyhead, Wales, in Heavy Gale.

Holyhead, Wales, Jan. 27.—An American liner is reported to be ashore off Aberffraw Point, 15 miles south of Holyhead. A heavy gale is raging in St. George's channel.

A Total Wreck. London, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Holyhead says that a portion of the crew of the liner reported ashore off Aberffraw Point, numbering 17 men, have come ashore in their own boats. They report that the vessel is a total wreck. The name of the vessel is not yet known.

FED ARSENIC TO PARENTS. Girl of 13 Explains Mysterious Illness of Father and Mother.

Corning, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Thirteen-year-old Nellie Kinsley has confessed that a mysterious illness from which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Kinsley, have been suffering is due to poison she put into the food in order to obtain their property after death.

"Do you know how to get money and houses and everything you want?" she asked her playmates while her parents were ill. "When your father and mother are dead all they own will belong to you. I found that out a little while ago, and I took some of the rat poison papa got to kill the rats with and put it in the supper I cooked. I did not eat the supper, but papa and mamma did and then they got sick. If they die I will have money."

At the Susquehanna Home, at Binghamton, she repeated the story of the poisoning. Nellie was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley when she was 2 years old. Recently Mr. Kinsley had bought some arsenic, and it was kept on a shelf in the pantry. Soon after Nellie prepared supper for her parents and they were taken violently ill. It was traced to arsenic and Nellie was suspected. Mrs. Kinsley will probably be crippled for life as a result of the poisoning.

Outlaw Shot From Ambush. Middlesboro, Ky., Jan. 26.—Henry Cummings, notorious among the highwaymen of the mountains, met death from ambush before daybreak here yesterday on one of the principal streets. James Adley Turner, who was walking with him, was shot in the arm. The assassins are unknown. It is common report that Cummings killed John Gorman, president of the United Mine Workers' Union, two years ago; Greenwood Ward soon afterward, and about a year ago Branam Elam, a Kentuckian, while the death of others is generally attributed to him, so that it is almost impossible for officers to get a clue as to the assassins.

Americans Bolsoed. Manila, Jan. 27.—It is reported here that the volunteer force organized at Bolinao, Province of Zambales, for the purpose of dispersing the Ladronez in that vicinity has been defeated and that three Americans, including Mr. Osborne, a teacher, were killed. The Ladronez outnumbered the volunteers, surrounded the latter and blooded them. The Americans died fighting. The details of the affair obtainable at present are meagre.

Boy and Girl Killed by Insane Man. Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 27.—Eli Rogers, a white man living near Stouts, in Union county, yesterday killed a negro boy and a white girl. Rogers had been in the state hospital at Morgantown twice, and was discharged from that institution in 1896 as improved. The bloody deeds were done in a fit of insanity.

Gelnett Bros., Reduction Sale. For the Winter Months. A Special Reduction in all Clothing. Men's all wool Suits that sold for \$5.50, \$7.00 and \$10., now \$4.00, \$6.00 and \$8.00. Youth's Suits, regular Price, \$3.75 and \$6.00, are now \$3.00 and \$5.00. Children's Suits, regular price \$2.75 now \$2.00. Overcoats " 3.50 " 2.75. " " 5.00 " 2.50. A lot of Yoths' overcoats, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Comforts, regular price \$3. now \$2.00. Horse Blankets, were 2 now 1.75. Lap Robes " " 2.25 " 1.85. " " 1.40 now 1.00. Dry Goods. All prints reduced to 5c. Lancaster Gingham 5 1/2c. Amoskeag Gingham now 5c. A lot of white and cream Flannels regular value 50c. Now 40c. All Flannelettes reduced to 9c. RUBBER GOODS.—Men's Rubber Boots regular \$3 now 2.75. Boys Rubbers were 75 now 65c. Boys Rubbers were 55 now 50. Ladies Rubbers were 50 now 40c. Men's Arctics, were \$1.25 now \$1.00. Groceries.—Best A Sugar 5c. Granulated Sugar 5 1/2c. Arbuckle's Coffee 10c. Lion Coffee, 10c. We sell the celebrated Levi Smith Coal Oil, noted for its brilliant light. Bargain Days to Commence January 19th to January 31st. GELNETT BROS., MIDDLEBURG, PA.



The attention of our farmers is called to the list of institutes, to be held in this county this winter, by the State Department of Agriculture, assisted by the local board of institute managers for the county. These meetings are in the interest of all our farmers, and open to all. The expenses of conducting them is borne by the State. No collections are allowed or advertising of any business. The discussions are upon farm topics for the benefit of farmers. All classes of citizens are welcome, and interesting programmes have been prepared. The county chairman is F. J. Schoch, of Selingsgrove who will be glad to send programmes or information to any one who will make the request. The State Speakers who will be present are: R. S. Seeds, Dr. I. A. Thayer, C. W. Brodhead and Hon. A. L. Martin. The institute will be held on the following dates and places: Middleburg, February 1 and 11th, Selingsgrove, February 12 and 13th 1902. Come out to these meetings and bring your families and friends.

GROUND UP ALIVE IN A MILL. Man Was Oiling Machinery When Drawn Into the Cogs. Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 26.—While at work as a miller at one of the stone crushers of the American Lime and Stone Company, Mackey S. Lyons met a horrible death Saturday. He was under the machine oiling, when his clothing was caught by a cog-wheel. Lyons was drawn through the wheel and thrown out the other side, his arms, legs and body being crushed to a pulp.

Lyons was 23 years old, and four months ago was married to Miss Lucy Hampton. The young wife is almost crazed with grief.

Richmond Newspapers Consolidate. Richmond, Va., Jan. 26.—Saturday an agreement was entered into between the Richmond Dispatch and Richmond News on the one hand and the Richmond Times and Richmond Leader, by which the Dispatch passes to the Times and will be consolidated therewith, and the Leader will be consolidated with the News. The transaction is in the nature of an exchange, and will give the Times-Dispatch the morning newspaper field, and the News-Leader the afternoon field of the city. The agreement took effect today.

Will Observe McKinley's Birthday. Cincinnati, Jan. 26.—The McKinley Carnation League has issued a call for all to observe McKinley's birthday next Thursday, January 29, by wearing a carnation in the lapel of their coats. As there is opposition to having any more legal holidays, this simple observance of the day, without any interference with business duties, is all that the league contemplates, and efforts are being made to have the first observance a success.

Penny Settles Suit for Damages. Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—The suit of Ephraim W. Mentzer against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to recover \$80,000 damages for alleged discriminations in freight rates was settled in court yesterday. The amount of the settlement made by the company was stated to be \$75,000.

President Contributed to Famine Fund. New York, Jan. 26.—President Roosevelt has contributed \$100 to the Christian Herald's famine fund for the relief of the suffering peasantry of Finland, 400,000 of whom are reported to be on the verge of starvation. The fund now exceeds \$20,000.

Penny Loans \$4,000,000. New York, Jan. 24.—The report that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has negotiated a loan approximating \$4,000,000 in this market at 4 1/2 per cent. is confirmed in high quarters. The loan is to run for six months, with the privilege of renewal for a like period.

Discovered Pneumonia Serum. Rome, Jan. 26.—Professor Tizzoni, of the Bologna University, has announced to the Royal Academy of Sciences the discovery of a serum to combat pneumonia.

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STATE COUNCIL WINS. Vice Chancellor Decides in Favor of New Jersey Jr. O. U. A. M. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 26.—State Secretary Meirs, of the New Jersey State