

OUR INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

Increasing and Healthy Activity Manifested Generally.

During the week just ended the general industrial activity has continued, reports to that effect coming from all quarters. Numerous manufacturing concerns that have been closed during the business depression have again resumed operations, re-employing hundreds of workmen. A gratifying feature of the week's news is the large number of instances where the wages of employees have been increased. In most of those reported the increase has been voluntary on the part of the employers, and in many in making the announcement the firms have stated their reason for so doing, and it has been identified in every case—"improvement in business."

Capitalists engaged in the iron industry, which is generally recognized as furnishing a reliable gauge of business in general, and is second in importance only to agriculture, seems to have no longer the good times are at hand that better times are coming. The manufacturers of steel rails, steel plates and other structural forms for railroads and buildings are putting on increased forces of workmen, and running to their full capacity. So in all lines of manufactures and trades there is increasing and healthful activity.

A Signal Victory

The International Typographical Union have won their fight of long standing against the big publishing house of Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago, and the office is now thoroughly unionized. This fight has been carried on industriously for years by the Typographical Union, and this is the first time in fifteen years that it has required a Union card to get work in the office. President Prescott, of the International Typographical Union was ably assisted in bringing about the settlement by the central labor bodies of Milwaukee and Chicago, who threatened to boycott the school books published by the firm unless Union men only were employed in the office.

Decided To Make War.

It is reported in railway circles that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has decided to make war on the Order Railway Conductors. The company do not discharge the members of the Order outright, it is said, but they are given to understand that it would please the company if they were referred to as the Order, and men who are not members of the Order are advanced over those holding membership. The company claim that the reason they are doing this is that there are a large number of ex-conductors and others in the railway service who are members of the Order, and who are continually stirring up strife or trying to foment trouble between the company and the men.

Will Think It Over.

General Master Workman James R. Sovereign's order to members of the Knights of Labor to boycott national bank notes from and after September 1st, was referred to at Sunday's meeting of District Assembly 220 of New York. After a short debate it was decided irregular to go into controversy and express opinions over a subject, of which the district had no official notice. The delegates wanted more authority for their action in the matter and a resolution was passed making the subject a special order of business for the next meeting of the District Assembly.

Year's Work Ahead.

The Valentine iron company of Bellefonte, Pa., elected W. E. Rehard, of Williamsport, Charles W. Wilhelm, of Reservoir, Walter L. Ross of Philadelphia, John P. Harris, Robert Valentine and J. W. Gephart, of Bellefonte directors, with J. W. Gephart as president and Robert Valentine, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing year. The company has sold all surplus stock, and has orders on hand to start the plant, furnace and rolling mill busy a year.

LABOR NOTES.

The strike of quartermen near Dunbar, Pa., who went out for a 20 per cent. advance, was settled on a basis of a ten per cent. advance.

The tin plate mill at Cumberland which has been idle for some time resumed its departments. The plant gives employment to about 100 hands.

The Luke Fiddler colliery at Shamokin, Pa., which has been idle since last October, will resume in a short time. Eight hundred men and boys will be given employment.

The Aetna Standard iron company of Aetna, O., has voluntarily granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages to all employees in the mechanical department of the works.

The coal miners' strike in the Wheeling, W. Va., district remains unchanged. About 200 men are at work, and nearly 600 will not return to work unless the 60-cent scale of wages is granted them.

Notices were posted in all the cotton mills of the city of Lowell, Mass., that a general increase in wages will be made, beginning August 5. The amount of the increase is not stated. About 10,000 employees are benefited by the advance.

The Pewabic mining company of Iron Mountain, Mich., has announced a 10 per cent. increase in wages throughout the mine, and its probable effect on the entire mine of this range will follow the example. The new scale gives miners \$1.70 per day, trimmers \$1.50 and laborers 1.10.

Within the next three months the manufacturers of the South are to feel the grasp of the biggest coal combine ever formed. It is to embrace and control almost the entire output of nearly all the mines of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, and this is to be the capital stock of the organization. The outlook for the coal and iron industries of the South is bright. Prices are advancing and there is no immediate danger of over-production or foreign competition.

GOOD NEWS.

Idle Factories Resume—Better Wages for Workmen.

John Anisfeld & Co., manufacturers of clocks, at Cleveland, employing 500 hands inside and outside their shop, have advanced wages 10 per cent.

The large charcoal furnace at Joanne, Berks county, Pa., has resumed after three years of idleness.

Twice within a few months the wages of the furnacemen in New Castle, Pa., have been raised. The last increase ranges from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent, and went into effect, the schedule being holding until January 1, 1906.

The Chapin mining company at Iron Mountain, Mich., has advanced the wages of its 900 employees 10 per cent. The other mining companies in the district will probably announce a like increase, and thus remove all danger of a strike in this region.

The Brooks iron company, at Birdsboro, Pa., Berks county, increased the wages of its men from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per ton, and ordered another of its blast furnace, employing 120 hands, into operation.

The Soo road has raised the pay of its engineers and brakemen to the schedule in force prior to August 1, 1903. Other classes of employees will be given similar restoration.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

Ex-Speaker Crisp has sailed for Europe. Bain has quenched the forest fires in Northern Michigan. Mississippi Democratic primaries have all been for stiff siver.

Judge Showalter, in Chicago, directed Receiver McNulta to sell all the property of the old Whiskey trust.

The strike of ship laborers and switchmen at Colon is spreading, and all steamers at Panama are idle.

The statistician of the Orange Judd Farmer estimates the American wheat consumption at 4.77 per head.

The Iron Moulders Union of North America, in convention at Chicago, elected Martin Fox of Cincinnati president.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad, controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad, has purchased the effects of the South Penn.

Two Italians in Ascension parish, La., were fatally wounded Tuesday evening by an unknown man, who fired through a window.

The Salt Textile Company's works at Bridgeport, Conn., are closed by a general strike for a 12 1/2 per cent. increase in wages.

The "Nene Frele Presse" says that 4,000 workmen in Przemysl, Galicia, are on a strike, and that the streets are patrolled by the military.

A dispatch to the "Lokal Anzeiger" from Suez says that 14 persons have been killed by the explosion of a boiler in a mill situated at that place.

The Italians of Galveston have sent to Gov. Morton a protest against the electrocution of Maria Barberi, who killed her faithless lover.

John Howard Bryant, the only brother of William Cullen Bryant, celebrated Tuesday the 50th anniversary of his birth at his home near Princeton, Ill.

James W. French, recently warden of the penitentiary at Michigan City, Ind., has been appointed warden of the new federal penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

In a quarrel at Barbourville, Ky., Rosa Garden stabbed two other women to death and escaped into Whitley county, where she was captured and saved from a mob.

George V. Massey, the lawyer and statesman of Delaware, was, by action of the board of directors, made assistant general solicitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Cellulose, the new fibrous product of corn-stalks, has been adopted by the United States navy to replace cocoa fibre, to prevent leakage from apertures made in warships by the enemy's guns.

The summer somnolence of Boston Back Bay society has been rudely disturbed by the marriage of millionaire John D. Bates to Mary Clarkin, his cook. He is 60 years old and she is 30.

Judge Murphy has refused a change of venue in the case of Theodore Durant, charged with the murder of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, whose dead bodies were found in Emanuel church, San Francisco, and the case will be heard in that city.

Near Morrisonville, Ill., Dr. Richard Reasoner was waylaid and shot dead by Alfred Entekrin. The latter's wife, who was attended by Reasoner during sickness, died. Entekrin blamed the doctor for killing her and this caused the murder. Entekrin escaped.

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STILL ENCOURAGING.

Volume of Business Not Great, But the Tendency Healthy.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: It is not the season for the tide of business to rise, but there is scarcely any shrinkage, except that which comes naturally with midsummer heat. The volume of new business is small compared with recent months, but large enough to encourage more openings of long-closed works and more advances in returns to labor. Accounts of shrinkage in the yield of wheat come from Pacific states and from the Dakotas. It would be an unusual July without such reports, and yet they have veiled enough this year to advance the price 2 1/2 cents. Western receipts for the week were only 5,366,063 bushels, against 11,983,619 last year. The western movement largely depends on the export demand, which is phenomenally light. Corn advanced about a cent with new crops for various sizes, which changed at 7 cents, although the latest reports favor larger estimates of the yield.

Prices of iron and steel products still rise, the feature this week being the startling advance of 60 cents per keg in cut and wire iron with new crops for various sizes, which is stated, makes the advance really greater than it appeared. Angles are also a shade higher, and other prices strongly maintained. Bessemer pig does not advance, although the surplus and one other company have been buying about 140,000 tons which is supposed to furnish large contracts for rails.

In the first half '95 orders for rails were 713,000 tons against 502,000 in the first half of last year, and a good many small orders appear as Chicago. Otherwise there is a distinct falling in new demand, though nearly all iron and steel works are crowded with orders for some time to come. The prospect that other furnaces with a capacity of 5,000 tons weekly in the east, and as much in the west, will get into blast within the remaining month of 1905 hinders a further rise in pig-iron prices. It was the body of a man apparently about 50 years old, hanging to the limb of a tree. The body had evidently been hanging there for weeks, as the flesh beneath the clothing had dried to the bones.

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ANOTHER TRAIN ROBBERY.

DYNAMITE USED.

Travelers in a Panic and Express Messenger Overpowered.

The Lake Shore, Chicago & New York express was held up at Reese Station Tuesday night by four men. Conductor Darling arrived in Chicago with train Wednesday morning and reported as follows:

I was sitting in the first-class coach when the train was stopped. The robbers turned a switch at Reese, a place in Ohio between Stricker and Archibald. They stopped the engineer with a red light, and it was afterward found that a pile of ties had been placed on the track. After sending a brakeman to the rear of the train with a lantern to protect us from anything that might be coming from behind, I went forward into the baggage car and watched what went on from there. One I struck my head out, but a bullet went whizzing by, and I didn't try it again.

There appeared to be four men in the attacking party, but it was terrible dark, and we couldn't see distinctly. One of the men was a short, heavy-set fellow with a sandy beard and mustache and about 40 years old. They got into the express car and opened the small safe, but could not get into the large one. They took the outer stop for half an hour, and one of the men kept him standing beside the engine in the ditch. The freeman, H. Boardman, was under guard next to the express car. After about 40 minutes had disappeared in the darkness. The amount taken was, I believe, about \$8,000.

"The passengers were in a panic, but they were not interfered with. There was an explosion that woke them up."

Express Messenger Neultown said in regard to the holdup: "I was dozing in my chair near the safe about 12 o'clock. I knew they were not the outer stop for half an hour, so I was surprised and startled when the brakes began to jar on the wheels. The train came to a sudden stop and I suspected something was wrong. We had no sooner come to standstill than there was a shock and a report under the right forward end of my car."

"I grabbed my Spencer (a short shotgun) and stood at the door, which was unlocked and had been partly open. In the darkness I saw two men with guns pointed at me. I dodged back into the car, and raising my gun, let them have it, as I thought, full in the face. Apparently it didn't hit, and after that they wouldn't stand any monkeying. 'If you place any value on your life, you will put down the gun and let us in,' one of the men said. Then I gave up, and they came in and went to work. They got into the way safe easy enough, but after exploding six charges of dynamite against the other one they had to give up. They kept me covered all the time with their guns. There were two men working in the car and two who stood on guard outside. The men had handkerchiefs over their faces and I could not recognize them."

As soon as the train arrived in Chicago the express car was run on the side track next to the United Express freight office. Supt. Wygant, and a number of detectives immediately boarded it. Every window had been smashed and the side of the car next to where the safe stood had one board missing. The inside wall was smashed to kindling wood. The big safe showed a circular dent about six inches in diameter, where the dial had been. The dial itself had been blown off and fragments of it lay about the car. Among the other trophies left by the bandits was a fountain pen, a watch, a pair of glasses, and a pocket watch.

The facts as to the actual loss are hard to get at, inasmuch as everything given out has had to pass the approval of Supt. Wygant. Twice when telling the story the messenger stopped and appealed to that gentleman to know whether his narrative was meeting his approval.

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WAR VESSELS.

An Expedition Departs From Delaware Bay For Cuban Waters.

By Tuesday or Wednesday of this week there will be in Cuban waters the largest expedition in this country that has yet left. It will be under the command of Col. Enrique Collazo, who arrived in this country about July 6, and since that time has been preparing for this expedition.

Cuban sympathizers in Philadelphia play an important part in the expedition, as it was there that all the men were enlisted for it, and where all the arms and ammunition were shipped. The ship is fitted out as a war vessel, and also as a result the whole house was ransacked, and the amount secured will reach large proportions. A good bit of the money was in gold, and had been in possession of the Thompsons for more than 70 years.

In Cherry township, Butler county, Wilson Thompson, an aged and exceedingly wealthy farmer, was the victor of an outrageous robbery. Masked men entered the house armed with deadly weapons. Mr. Thompson was roughly handled, and notified to tell where his money was. The old farmer finally succumbed, and as a result the whole house was ransacked, and the amount secured will reach large proportions. A good bit of the money was in gold, and had been in possession of the Thompsons for more than 70 years.

WITH UNUSUAL RESULTS.

Mrs. David Burk, living near Clarksville, tried starting the fire with kerosene with the usual result. The can contained about two quarts of oil, and the flame from the stove blazed up and ignited the oil. Mrs. Burk's dress caught fire and was almost completely burned from her body. Physicians have given up all hope of her recovery.

BANK OFFICIALS INDICTED.

The grand jury was discharged after returning true bills against Harry A. Gardner, H. L. Claybaugh and Mayberry Miller, of Altoona, for making false entries on the books of the First National Bank of Altoona. The amount at this bank will be recalled from the fact that it prompted Bank Examiner Miller to commit suicide.

CALF NOT A FARM PRODUCT.

Justice Davidson, of Uniontown, decided the famous calf case of Sturgis vs. Husted, holding that a calf born on a farm was not a farm product, and therefore could not be claimed by a tenant working the farm on shares.

John Christopher, an old resident of Stoneboro, and one of the oldest citizens in Merced county, died here last week. Deceased was 92 years old, a consistent Christian, and was respected by all who knew him. He had used tobacco very moderately during his life, but was never known to drink liquor of any kind. He took to his bed about one week ago, and until then retained the agility of a man of 60. Up to his death he had full control of his mental faculties.

At New Castle Sarah Harper, the 12-year-old girl who eloped with her brother-in-law, Benjamin Sealum, a week ago, has made a confession that is unparalleled in its story of depravity. The couple tramped together for several days before being arrested. Sealum is awaiting trial.

The \$4,000 artesian well at Midvalley colliery near Shamokin, was ruined by unknown persons, who plugged it with stones and iron. A dam was also emptied by presumably the same persons, and it is probable the collier will have to be closed down.

John Walsh was set upon by two footpads on South Mercer street, New Castle, and pounded over the head with some sharp instrument. After taking 20 cents from his pockets the highwaymen left him for dead. It is thought he will recover.

The grape growers in Erie county are of the opinion that about one-half the usual crop will be harvested this year, but they are not down-hearted over this fact. The price to be charged for grapes will be fully twice as much as was charged last year.

The Williamsport Passenger Railway company has a \$25,000 damage suit on hand, brought by Hugh McManis for injuries received by being struck by a South Side trolley car. He claims that his injuries are permanent.

A decision of the Pennsylvania supreme court has been discovered which says an occupation tax which taxes a man upon his income instead of his occupation is an income tax, and therefore unconstitutional.

Thomas Clark, formerly employed as a section hand by the Pennsylvania railroad company at Youngstown, has sued the company for \$50,000 damage for injuries received by being run over by a train.

The Kittanning Iron company signed the Amalgamated Association scale, and will put its plant in operation at once. The mill has been idle for two years. The action is due to the boom in the iron trade.

The Leader refining company of Washington, capitalized at \$20,000, was incorporated with the following directors: George L. Caldwell, Ed. E. Boltonville, Charles S. Caldwell, all of Washington.

The reunion of the McGrew, Guffey and Logan families, in So. Erie township, West-Camden county, will take place during the first week in September.

Temporary repairs have been made on the Baltimore & Ohio tracks near Uniontown, recently washed out by storms, and the traffic has been resumed.

Thomas Foy, a laborer, was instantly killed and James Fox, a farmer, fatally hurt, by a fall of rock in the Keystone colliery at Wilkesbarre.

The reunion of the Eleventh regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, will be held at Latrobe September 2.

The epidemic of diphtheria at Canonburg, has resulted in one fatal case, Miss Dora Franz dying.

She Had 12 Husbands.

The funeral services were held at La Paz, Ind., Tuesday of a woman who had been married 12 times. Mrs. Blackmore, whose death occurred last Saturday, enjoyed the unique record of having had 12 husbands. Her first marriage occurred when she was only 15 years old. The bridegroom was little older than herself. After 10 years of wedded life they parted. After the first venture divorce, death and marriage followed each other in quick succession, the eighth husband having been secured when she was only 38 years old. Six months ago she became Mrs. Blackmore and the divorce court got in its fatal work four months later.

Building and Loan Swindle.

The Phoenix Savings & Loan association, of Pittsburgh, is in the hands of a temporary receiver in the person of James S. McKean. This is the result of an examination into the financial condition of the association, made by the deputy state bank examiners, O. F. Ibram and J. B. Niles, Jr. They inspected the books of the company a few days ago, and reported to the superintendent of banking, who at once ordered the concern to be placed in the hands of the Union Trust company as receiver.

Five Children Drowned.

The five children of Alexander Bereh, a farmer of the Lake Dauphin district, near Winnipeg, were drowned Monday. The children, ranging in age from 5 to 15 years, went to the lake shore to bathe. Finding an old boat they pushed out. A stiff breeze carried them out and a gale sprang up. They had no oars and could not get back. Hugh wages filled the boat. The children hung on until they were exhausted, when one by one they let go and disappeared. The parents and several neighbors were witnesses of the drowning, but were unable to go to their rescue.

Standing of the League