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### THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION

#### Bituminous Coal Industry at a Stand Still

### THE ARMY OF TRAMPS

Is What Conroy's Commemorial Aggregation Is Generally Termed.

The COURIER collected from various sources the following intelligence concerning the industrial situation throughout the country at the present time:

The great coal strike organized by the United Mine Workers in their national convention at Columbus went into effect on April 24th as planned. The bituminous coal industry is practically at a standstill, and the effects are already visible in a reduction of the price of the coal. The scarcity of coal is beginning to be felt along the lake ports and blast furnaces may have to close. The strike is one of the biggest in the history of the country.

President McBride of the Mine Workers estimated early in the week that there were 60,000 men out in Pennsylvania; in Ohio, 38,000; Illinois, 25,000; Alabama, 8,000; Indiana, 5,000; Kentucky and Tennessee, 5,000; West Virginia, 2,000; Indian Territory, 2,000; Iowa, 1,300; Missouri, 1,300, and Michigan, 300, and steady accretions have been reported since. Nearly 150,000 soft coal men will be directly involved, if the expectations of the organizers of the strike are realized. These miners received \$33,809,697 in wages in 1900, according to the 11th census of the United States, and produced 79,899,108 tons of coal, valued at \$69,350,669. The miners strike for a return to the interstate wage agreement, which was abandoned last summer. They want to be paid upon the basis of 70 cents a ton for mining. Both sides appear to be determined, and already appeals for charity have been raised in various districts.

President McBride thinks the anthracite and coke workers will all join the soft coal men. If President McBride's expectation is fulfilled, from 300,000 to 350,000 men would leave their work and forego their hire and be added to the multitude out of employment.

The country seems to be coming to its senses in the matter of the armies of tramps which are marching upon Washington from all parts of the United States, and is taking measures against them. Industrial Armies and Armies of the Commonwealth are upon the way from California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Montana, Virginia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Though all profess to be seeking legislation assumed in various ways to benefit the unemployed, yet the farmers whose doors they pass are complaining that they cannot get men to till their fields; and though they call themselves "armies of peace," they have been seizing trains and taking possession of railroad property to help them along on their journey. The presence of such bands of men in Washington would be a menace to good government, and the Washington authorities have awakened to the danger and are preparing to meet it. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have issued a proclamation warning idle men that there is no employment there for them, and that the laws of the District will be strictly enforced, and the police officials are getting ready to handle 6,000 men. It is an old principle that legislative assemblies must be enabled to meet, debate and legislate without the fear of physical coercion, and there are laws to this effect on the statute books, which the Washington authorities will now find useful.

We are now prepared to serve Ice Cream up stairs in the building lately occupied by Ed. Cairns, better known as the Robinson house, below the post-office. —DORSEY MYERS.

Don't Read It. For a nice clean shave and a hair cut too. When you come to our beautiful town try Jack the Barber, on Fifth avenue. And he'll fix you up side and sound. —217

Local Market Report. For the special benefit of the farmers in the vicinity of Patton the COURIER publishes the following local market report, revised each week:

Butter	18 cents per pound.
Eggs	20 " " "
Potatoes	20 " " bushel
Onions	25 " " "
Turnips	25 " " "
Wheat	80 " " "
Corn	40 " " "
Hay	10 " " "
Chickens	3 to 5 cts. per head.
Hay	\$12 to \$15 per ton.

### SUICIDE AT CARROLLTOWN.

John Stoltz, a Prominent Business Man Hangs Himself.

John Stoltz, one of Carrolltown's most active business men committed suicide at that place by hanging himself in his stable about six o'clock on Wednesday morning, May 2. He was seen just a short time before the rash deed was committed, about the house and appeared to be in his usual mood and when his lifeless body was found hanging by a rope a short time afterwards it was a terrible shock to his family and nearby neighbors. There appears to be no cause for him taking this manner of shuffling off this mortal coil.

Mr. Stoltz was a prosperous business man being most of his time proprietor of one of the leading hotels at that place but having recently sold out and was engaged in the stone-breaking business. He was in Patton Tuesday accompanied by his son-in-law, P. J. Detrick looking after a suitable location to place his machinery. The COURIER representative met Mr. Stoltz while he was here Tuesday and had a long chat with him, and little was thought that in less than twenty-four hours would be chronicling his sad death.

Mr. Stoltz leaves a wife and a large family of grown up children besides a large number of friends to mourn his sudden departure.

AN OLD FRIEND. T. W. Letts Has Become One of Patton's Merchants.

Another of our old Clearfield county friends has resolved to cast his lot with us and it affords the COURIER pleasure to welcome him in his new place of business. Mr. Letts made many warm friends while in the newspaper business both at Penfield and Carrolltown. Some years ago he had some experience in the occupation in which he has now embarked, and his affable manner and courteous treatment of his customers made him fully as popular as a reseller.

Mr. Letts' place of business is located on Magee avenue, the second door west of Yahner's hardware store, and the third door from the Palmer house, in a fine three story building, formerly erected and owned by John D. Jones. The lower story is a neat store room, and the others are occupied for his residence. From an acquaintance of nearly twenty years the COURIER can cheerfully recommend him to the people of Patton and vicinity.

Jack's Barber Shop Removed. Jack Schied, the popular barber, has removed his shop, which was formerly in the front part of George Green's billiard parlor, to the room vacated by George Valentine, known as the Patton News Depot in the opera house block.

Jack now has a very fine place and plenty of room. He will also have charge of the daily papers and will be assisted in that department by George Hay, who is a hustler in that line. The COURIER is pleased to see that Jack has secured such pleasant quarters.

### BOLD THIEVES CAPTURED.

#### Cambria Farmers May Rest Easy for Awhile.

### BAD GANG BROKEN UP.

John Good, Wm. Mahan, Peter Steinbeiser, John Anderson and John Mahan in Jail.

During the past year the farmers residing in the vicinity of Ebersburg have met with the misfortune of having stolen from them quantities of oats, meat, etc., and of late the depredations have become so bold and frequent that they concluded it was time to make an example of the impudent intruders and resolved among themselves to exterminate them if possible. About two weeks ago they engaged the services of an Indiana county lawyer to seek the identity of these rascals, and he began in a rather unique manner by first disguising himself in the garb of a tramp, thereby averting suspicion as to his real character.

His mode of operations were carefully concealed within his own bosom, and in a suit that a professional haggard would blush to have worn he was not long in scraping up an acquaintance with those of the neighborhood who bore the most unsavory reputation. He soon had a clew that led him to seek the hospitality of one, John Anderson, who resides about four miles north of Ebersburg, and by this move became acquainted with other members of the gang.

He gained their confidence by furnishing them with plenty of bad whiskey, and everything was working to his entire satisfaction when suddenly, Saturday evening one of the men, Frank Boring by name, surprised David Black, a farmer residing within three miles north of town by appearing and confessing that he came with the intention of giving the whole thing away. Whether his conscience smote him for his many misdeeds or he did it for sake of revenge was not learned. Mr. Black accompanied by his proposition to proceed to town and swear out warrants for the arrest of the ones whose names he, Boring, would disclose. The information was given to the proper authorities and Monday morning the warrants were issued and placed in the hands of Constables Humphreys and Foster, and with a posse they started north for their game.

The warrants called for the arrest of Peter Steinbeiser, John Anderson, Wm. Mahan, John Good, Ruben Anderson and Jonathan Mahan. The four first named were found at their homes four or five miles north of Ebersburg—two at Anderson's and two at Bet Mahan's. They offered no resistance to the officers.

Two of the number, Ruben Anderson and Jonathan Mahan, are mere lads, whose ages are not more than 14 years, and were found about five miles west of Ebersburg at a camp. After having been taken before Squire Jones who committed them, they were placed in jail with their confederates in crime. The trial took place on Tuesday before Squire Jones and there not being sufficient evidence against him, young Anderson was discharged.

Wm. Mahan and John Good, two very bad ones, waived a hearing and were sent back to jail. The evidence of James McClement and Peter Boring was sufficient to hold Peter Steinbeiser, John Anderson and Jonathan Mahan, and they were sent back to jail to await trial at June court. From the evidence of McClement it was disclosed that John Good and Wm. Mahan had stolen Frank Devereaux's meat and then took Frank Boring's horse to haul the proceeds of their depredations home. Boring became aware of the fact and when he accused them of it they "acknowledged the corn" and pledged him (Boring) to secrecy by promising to divide the spoils. He, however, asserts that he didn't receive any of the meat. The evidence also went to show that Peter Steinbeiser helped to hide the stolen meat, and young John Mahan and Bill Mahan stole Wm. Makin's apple-butter, chop and chickens, and also some chop and rootabeggars from Neal McKa's, and that John Anderson fed the chop to his horses after receiving it from the Mahans. After a thorough search none of the stolen goods were found, but the officers were shown where the meat had been concealed at Bet Mahan's. A hole had been dug out under the floor of her spring house and there safely secreted. Nothing was found at Anderson's or about the premises of any of the gang.

### MURDERER BOOKAMIRE

#### Was Seen by Frank Pennington and Others in Patton.

### OFFICERS AFTER HIM.

Spent Several Hours in Patton Accompanied by a Suspicious Character.

On Monday night the people of Patton were very much excited over the arrival of Murderer Bookamire, who killed his father-in-law, a Mr. Cunningham, at Glen Campbell, a few months ago, for which \$250 reward is offered for his capture. Bookamire was reported to have been seen in Patton Monday afternoon and evening. The first he was recognized by anyone was late in the afternoon of the same day, but the party who claimed he had seen him was not quite positive, and very little was thought about it until after supper when Frank Pennington, who lives up the Flannagin Run branch, in the vicinity of Stevens' saw mill, and who at one time was quite well acquainted with him, happened to be at the Palmer house bar when he noticed Bookamire enter and go up to the bar and take a drink and while he was standing there Pennington started for Constable Sam'l Jones. Bookamire had walked down to Hotel West where he also took a drink at the bar and was later seen in the evening at Hotel Patton. It appears that he was accompanied by another suspicious looking character most of the time, and who was recognized to be one of the toughs of Houtstake.

By the time Constable Jones was found the murderer had disappeared and no one could give a clew to his whereabouts. A search was made in different parts of town for him, but no exact trace could be obtained. The next morning John Garrity, who resides opposite Hotel Patton, discovered that some one had slept in his barn during the night, and the COURIER has no reason to doubt but that it was Bookamire and his chum.

Between six and seven the same morning he was seen on the railroad track below the depot going in the direction of the Flannagin run mine. Constable Jones and two assistants were soon on his trail, and as they supposed, followed him as far as Thomas' mill, and from there could not tell what direction he had taken, at any rate they proceeded on down the track a considerable distance visiting several number on "ups, but without avail, and returned to Patton on the 5:30 train where they were met by a detective who at once held a consultation with Jones and his assistants and in the evening proceeded to continue the search, but up to this time was unsuccessful in capturing their man.

Cow Killed by the Cars. A fine milk cow belonging to Postmaster Ed Mellon was killed by the cars at this place Friday morning. As one of the Pennsylvania cars was bound at Hastings was approaching town, Mr. Mellon's cow with three or four others was standing on the track above the depot across the first street. The engineer blew his whistle repeatedly and reversed his lever but could not stop in time to save the life of the unfortunate animal, and before it was thrown off it was carried a distance of over two hundred feet and was terribly mangled. The other cows barely made their escape.

Moved to Patton. Mrs. J. A. Woloslag, with of Druggist Woloslag, and two little boys arrived in Patton from Great First Monday. Mr. Woloslag and family are occupying the rooms over Dr. Balcher's store on Magee avenue.

Mrs. August Moran, who was accidentally wounded by the discharge of a revolver last week is getting along as well as could be expected. Her injuries are quite serious and the most careful nursing is necessary. Fine For Killing Robins. Boys who kill robins in this state may be interested in knowing that they are violating the law and render themselves liable to the penalty of five dollars for every such bird killed. —Lock Haven Democrat. Church Notice. Rev. Chas. W. Wasson, pastor of the M. E. church will preach and hold communion services in the M. E. church on Palmer avenue at this place next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Boarders Wanted. Dorsey Myers, who has rented rooms in the building lately occupied by Mr. Cairns, is now prepared to accommodate about four regular boarders. Prices moderate. —217

### ST. LAWRENCE STATUS BLESSED.

#### A Large Number of People Congregate at St. Lawrence Sunday.

On Sunday morning a large concourse of people assembled at St. Lawrence to witness the blessing of the statue of St. Lawrence under the rules and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church. The day was perfect, and long before the time appointed for the services to begin, crowds surged into the little structure to witness the important ceremony. Soon the church became filled to its utmost capacity and unable to accommodate further numbers many were obliged to remain standing in the church yard. Services were ably conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Father Marx, who was assisted by the Rev. Father Alphonse, of Carrolltown, O. & R. Promptly at 10 o'clock the ceremony began, continuing until 12:30. Father Alphonse delivered a most interesting lecture on the meaning of blessing pictures and statues and their uses, in order to remind the sinner of the approach of death. The large audience was a most appreciative one and listened attentively to Father Alphonse as he graphically described to them in plain but beautiful language, the grave importance of the ceremony they had assembled to witness. Appropriate music was rendered for the occasion.

Many persons were in attendance from this place. For His Name 'n' the Law. Jacob C. Stineman, candidate for Republican nomination for the legislature, was one of the many candidates who visited Patton the past week, and while here called at the COURIER office, and paid one dollar for one year's subscription to the best local newspaper in this section of the country. Mr. Stineman is at present a representative to the legislature and his re-election would be a good one as he has served the people heretofore in a just and honorable manner. A good man is always in demand and Mr. Stineman can supply the demand. He will receive a hearty support from the north end.

Married at Patton. On Tuesday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock Mr. William Marks, of Hastings and Miss Augusta Johnson, daughter of Edward Johnson, who resides at this place, was married at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. C. W. Wasson, of Hastings. A large number of friends came over from Hastings to witness the ceremony administered to the happy couple besides a large number from this place. The couple departed on a trip to see the country, later. The COURIER wishes the happy pair a joyful and prosperous life.

New Telephone Company. A new telephone company, to be known as the Pennsylvania Telephone company, has been organized at Seneca, Cambria county. It is the intention to have the line all through the State. The first line will be from Johnstown to Ebersburg via Crossin. The following officers have been elected: Dr. G. R. Glass, president; J. J. McDonnell, treasurer; F. H. Young, secretary and general manager.

An Apology. Owing to the fact that there was a misunderstanding as to the time in which the ordinance relating to bicycle riding on side walks went into effect, Mr. Goff was falsely arrested by our chief of police, Sam'l Jones, and an apology being in order I hereby tender the same. L. S. BELL, Pres. of Council. Dentist. Dr. B. F. Wendell, a graduate of Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, has opened a dental parlor up stairs in the Good building over Koltz & Co.'s store. First-class work guaranteed. Teeth extracted without pain. Prices moderate. —217