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NO AGREEMENT YET BETWEEN COALMEN ON NEW CONTRACT

Substantial Agreement Reported Reached Between Some of the Parties

New York—Soft-coal operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers were still deadlocked at our press time on a new contract as hard-coal operators opened negotiations with other United Mine Worker representatives.

The soft-coal conferees have been unable to reach an agreement since their two-year contract expired on March 31.

The hard-coal operators, negotiating a new contract to replace their present one expiring April 30, opened negotiations Tuesday by turning down wage increase demands and recommending that the present two-year contract be extended for another two years "with only slight modifications."

The soft-coal conferees, announced that a "substantial agreement" has been reached between some of the parties.

It was not indicated whether any thing substantial had been done to heal the fast widening breach between the northern and southern operators. Ezra vs Horn, spokesman for the northern operators, refused to comment.

"We are still negotiating a wage contract," he said.

Of paramount interest to the public, however, was a decision to discuss with the Bituminous Coal Commission the question of adjusting minimum prices to meet any increased cost incurred by the operators in granting wage increases.

Steeleman would not say whether there is a chance of a raise of the price of coal to the consumer.

"I don't know," he said, "that a matter for the Bituminous Coal Commission."

"I can tell you a substantial agreement has been reached between some of the parties," Steeleman said after a conference of industry for a period of two years.

"Naturally, conflicting interests and conditions both between regions and between the operators and miners make it a difficult and a tedious task."

CAMBRIA COUNTY MEETS LONG-OVERDUE PAYROLL

Ebensburg—County employes are jingling money in their pockets again this week.

It was payday at the county courthouse Monday. The employes of the county had their first payday since the 1st of March.

A total of \$22,701.08 was turned over to the workers of the county Monday morning. Paydays had been scheduled on March 15 and again on April 1, but the county was without funds and could not meet the payroll.

Last week County Commissioners John Thomas Jr. and Frank P. Hollern held a meeting in the Thomas home in Westmont, negotiated a \$33,000 loan and made possible the money for the Monday payroll.

County Solicitor George Spence was in Philadelphia Saturday where he obtained a check for a \$300,000 loan. The other money in the loan will be used to meet other obligations of the county.

EASTER MONDAY AT SUNSET TO FEATURE FAMED SAXOPHONIST

Tony Pastor to Play in Newly Decorated Sunset Ballroom to Open New Season

Sunset, more beautiful than ever, again offers a treat to dancers and music lovers throughout Western Pennsylvania when Tony Pastor, the famed saxophonist and blue singer, presents his great band for the first time in this territory on the occasion of the annual Easter Monday Ball at the famous rendezvous where dancing and good music are synonymous.

Next meeting of the county pomona will be held Saturday June 21 at the Pleasant Hills Grange Hall, near Chest Springs.

LARGE NUMBER TAKE MINE EXAMS

Tuesday and Wednesday Exams at Three County Centers

More than 400 miners in the three-county area of Cambria, Somerset and Indiana took examinations Tuesday and Wednesday for certificates of qualification as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, mine electricians and fire boys.

Examination centers were at Barnesboro, Indiana and Johnstown.

GRANGERS URGE PROMPT ACTION TO SAVE ROADS

Meeting at Concord Grange Hall Saturday Lays Plans to Take Action

A three-man committee to seek a prompt surfacing of several miles of Cambria County roads was named on Saturday at the quarterly meeting of Cambria County Pomona Grange Saturday in Concord Grange Hall, near Patton.

Members of the grange pointed out at the session that WPA workers within the past year had completed several miles of road which have not yet been surfaced.

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Out of town guests at the affair will include Fire Chief John Moran, Johnstown, Chairman Dilling, President of Cambria County Firemen's Assn., A. F. Baker, Secretary of the Cambria County Firemen's Assn., and the speaker of the evening will be Paul Amberger, Chief of the Altoona Fire Department.

ARMY ENLISTMENTS ARE ON DECLINE

Regular Army enlistments in Pennsylvania decreased by 101 during March as compared with February, recruiting officers at Harrisburg said recently.

Total enlistments in Regular Army service for the state in March were 998. Stations in the Philadelphia district contributed 438 of these, with the Pittsburgh area supplying 399.

REVLUC EXPLOSION INQUEST CENSURES MINING OFFICIALS

State Mine Inspector's Report Is Submitted in Evidence to the Coroner's Jury

A coroner's jury probing the death of four men in an explosion at the Revluc mine of the Monroe Coal Mining Company on March 13 reported Friday that they had found no criminal negligence during the two day investigation.

"We severely censure and criticize the actions of Albert Besko (fire boss) and William Ford (assistant mine foreman) in not cooperating with the men under their supervision when their attention was called to suspicious conditions existing in this section," the jury's verdict said, adding "and we recommend that the mine inspector take such action as he deems fit and proper."

Mine Inspector William Lamont of Ebensburg, in charge of the 10th Bituminous District, which includes the Revluc mine, said Friday night that he had made no decision on whether or not prosecutions will be filed.

PATTON FIREMEN TO HOLD BANQUET ON ANNIVERSARY

Reservations Must Be Made By Saturday for Attendance to Be Assured

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The Patton Fire Company has progressed from the old hand-drawn carts to well equipped motorized and efficient equipment and have always enjoyed the cooperation of the citizens of the community in eliminating fire hazards during the annual inspection of property.

DEMOCRATIC LABOR BILLS ARE MOVING THROUGH HOUSE

Party's Program for Protection of Workers Is Being Fought By Republicans.

Harrisburg—Fighting against bitter and dogged G. O. P. forces, the Democrats in the House of Representatives are pushing the party's labor program to successful conclusion.

The Pettit-Williams bill (HR 98) restoring the safeguards of the Act of 1937 which prevented employers from working women in industry after 10 p. m. passed the house last week and is now in Senate Committee. This bill was reported from the House Labor Committee by Assemblyman Owens of Cambria.

JOHNSTOWN TO HAVE FIRST-AID MEET AND MINE EXAM

Johnstown will salute "King Coal" with Black Diamond Week in August. Decision to set aside an entire week to honor the coal industry—largest individual employer of men in Cambria County—was made at a meeting of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce board of directors Monday.

A series of activities will be arranged to herald "King Coal" in tribute to the property which reflects itself in Johnstown when the mines of the county are working full time.

PATTON VETERANS SELECT OFFICERS

Officers for the ensuing year were elected Tuesday of last week by members of John White Post No. 778 Veterans of Foreign Wars. David Gwynn was elected Commander, succeeding Talbert Davis.

MCCANN SEEN BIDDING FOR INDOREMENT TO STATE SUPREME COURT

John H. McCann, president judge of Cambria County, is in line for the Democratic state organization's support for the nomination for justice of the Supreme Court this year, according to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

HOUSE COAL MINERS PRODUCE EMERGENCY TONNAGE ON TUESDAY

House coal mines affiliated with the Retail Coal Producers of Greater Johnstown and manned by union miners produced coal Tuesday for emergency uses.

GILL IS REELECTED LEADER OF MOOSE

Telford C. Gill was reelected governor of the Patton Branch 441 L. O. O. F. M. at a meeting Thursday night in the Moose Home.

UNITED BRICK WORKERS HOLD CONVENTION

The United Brick and Clay Workers of America held their convention this week at Urchesville, Ohio. The convention started on Monday, April 7.

Delegates from the Patton Local who attended are Joseph Cammarata and Peter Boback.

Under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Coal Act of 1937, all coal mines producing more than 100 tons of coal must obtain permits from mining officials.

A survey of approximately 10 mines around Johnstown disclosed an unusually small tonnage above ground when the mines shut down last week, with the result that it was feared that handsheds would result unless more coal was produced.

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CORRECTION

In the Patton Fire Company ad this week the price of Gold Seal Eggs should be 2c per dozen and the price of Silver Seal Eggs should be 2c per doz.

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