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## HOW THE STRIKE GOES.

COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES ARE CONFIDENT OF WINNING.

Statement Made Showing the Difference in Wages Between the Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central Roads—How the Trouble Originated.

The strike inaugurated by the railroad employes of the Lehigh Valley Company on Saturday night still continues. Freight and coal traffic on the main line between Jersey City and Buffalo is at a standstill. Passenger trains which carry mails are yet running, but all are an hour or more behind time.

On the Hazleton, Mahanoy and other branch divisions, passenger trains are running slowly, and the service is badly crippled. All collieries depending on the Lehigh Valley to move their coal have suspended operations, as cars cannot be brought from or taken to points along the main line.

The company and the men hold about the same positions this morning as they have since the strike started, and the indications are that the trouble will be lengthy and bitter. The company's claim that everything is in good shape is not borne out by the facts. Mails from points on the main line were from two to seven hours late yesterday, while the men maintain an unbroken front and gain new accessions to their ranks daily.

The points in this county where the greatest interest is centered in the strike are at White Haven and Wilkes-Barre. A dispatch from the county seat yesterday states that upon request of the company Sheriff Walters has sworn in about fifty deputies, who are quartered in and about the station, although a striker has not been seen near the railroad property this week. The brotherhood men there are out to a man, but are keeping very quiet.

There are 110 engines on the Wyoming division and out of that number twenty-three are in service and manned by non-union men. The company's officials claim to be receiving applications by the dozen for positions as engineers, firemen and brakemen, and many of these are by telegraph from the western part of the state and from New York and Philadelphia. The applicants ask for orders and say they will come at once.

The strike's saddest feature is the enforced idleness it brings upon the miners. A conservative estimate of the men lying idle on account of the collieries failing to secure cars places the number at 9,000 in the Wyoming, 2,000 in the Lehigh and 5,000 in the Mahanoy regions. About 2,000 railroad men are on strike.

In the ultimatum sent out by President Wilbur on Tuesday, in which he gave notice that all who did not report for work by Wednesday noon would be considered discharged, he also says:

"The engineers cannot, of course, fairly represent the grievances of the telegraphers, nor can firemen properly represent telegraphers. The company maintains the right to employ men upon such terms as may be agreed upon, and settle all complaints only with its employes, and to discharge for cause with the right to appeal, but without reference to the judgment or action of any organization."

The following from John Rice, of Wilkes-Barre, chairman of the engineers, answers the president:

"No fireman ever attempted to say to President Wilbur or any other official of the Lehigh Valley road what an engineer should or should not do. No telegraph operator ever tried to present the needs of the brakemen, the conductors, the engineers or any one else but the telegraph operators. The truth is that the grievance committee of the Lehigh Valley road was always composed of one gentleman from each department and that man had full authority to represent the men in his department, and to make arrangements for that department."

"If Mr. Wilbur will think a while he will remember that the men on this road never sent a committee to him as a representative of any labor organization or railroad organization. As I have said, the five men on the committee represented five different departments and they went to Mr. Wilbur as accredited representatives of the employes. If Mr. Wilbur was not willing to treat with them then, is willing now to treat with them and to live up to what he once agreed to and to sign the bulletin to that effect, then that committee is willing to call on him tomorrow morning, and I'll agree to have the road in running order and in as good condition as before the strike within two hours from the time that he puts his name to the paper."

The press committee of the men at Wilkes-Barre have published the following statements: They say there are many rumors that they are striking for an unjust cause and they desire the public to guide its opinion by the following.

Below is the scale of wages paid on the Central Railroad of New Jersey as given by the committee:

Engineers—\$3.50 for 100 miles, and three cents per mile for over 100 miles and extra time over twelve hours.

Conductors, coal and freight—\$2.75 per day.

passenger, \$3.25 per day. Firemen—\$2.25 per day. These men have hostlers to prepare engines for them.

Brakemen—\$2 per day. Operators—The minimum scale is \$40 per month. Pay pro rata for Sunday work.

Tower operators—\$80 per month for eight hours per day. Train couplers—\$55 per month, eight hours per day.

Extra operators—\$35 per month; pro rata for Sunday work. Switchmen—\$2 per day for ten hours.

Compared with the scale of the Lehigh Valley, which is as follows, the difference in wages is easily seen:

From Coxton, east: Engineers—First six months, \$2.75 per day; second six months, \$3.10 per day; after that \$3.25 per day. This is for road engineers.

Yard engineers—\$3 per day for ten hours' work. Packerton runs for engineers from Coxton to Mahanoy and return, round trip two days and no extra time allowed. This trip consumes from \$2 to \$5 hours.

Firemen—First six months, \$1.90 per day; second six months, \$2 per day. After that they are paid \$2.25, \$2.30 and \$2.55 per day, and no hostlers to clean their fires or look after their engines.

Conductors—On through runs passenger conductors are paid \$3.25 per day. No extra time allowed. Two trips are made each week extra between Wilkes-Barre and Avoca and return, for which no extra time is allowed.

Freight conductors on through trains receive \$2.35 per day, no extra time allowed, 22 to 26 hours considered a two days' run.

Mine conductors—\$2.15 per day. Extra time only allowed over 12 hours.

Brakeman—On passenger trains, \$1.80 per day. No extra time allowed, and two extra trips must be made each week between Wilkes-Barre and Avoca and return, and purchase their own uniforms.

Coal brakemen—\$1.65 and \$1.70 is their pay, and extra time allowed only after 12 hours' work.

Switchmen—On freight trains get \$1.80 per day for ten hours' work. On coal trains, \$1.65 per day.

Operators—From \$30 to \$50 per month, no extra time for Sunday work and required to purchase two uniforms per year.

Extra operators are paid \$1.30 per day for 12 hours' work.

The members of the committee say that no intimidation will be allowed, and that the strikers will in no way interfere or do any act in violation of the law. They claim the right to protect their men, and will keep away from the railroad in the future. All mail trains will be allowed to run, as the strikers have no desire to interfere with the public in general in this respect.

The cause of the strike dates back for several months. It appears, from the statements of both the employes and the company, that about a year ago, while the Valley was under control of the Reading, an agreement regarding wages and other question was arrived at. The men, however, claim this agreement has not been lived up to by the company. Many of the employes, especially those prominent in the brotherhoods, were subjected to all sorts of petty annoyances and discriminated against in such ways as to make their work irritating and as unpleasant as could be done, yet not going far enough to give the persons affected cause for complaint on any one point.

This continued to such an extent that committees from each of the grades of employes were appointed to secure a conference with the officials and learn, if possible why the agreement was not followed out by the company. These committees were composed of none but Lehigh Valley employes, and tried to secure an interview as representatives of the employes, not as delegates from any labor unions. This conference was refused them, after repeated promises from General Manager Voorhees that it would be granted and after keeping the committees waiting for it more than a week in Bethlehem.

Finally the men placed their grievances in the hands of the brotherhood federation, and after a long and unsuccessful attempt by the officers of the union to secure a hearing, they ordered the strike when they received a flat refusal accompanied by the statement that the company would treat with no one but the employes who are complaining.

Such is the substance of the trouble—the men claim the right to have their grievances presented by a committee from the employes, and the company refuses to listen to any but those who believe they are not being justly dealt with.

Back of it all, some people think, is a scheme on the part of Voorhees to crush the labor organizations on the railroad. He is known and has a past record of being a bitter opponent of unionism, and his conduct since the beginning of the trouble gives color to this idea.

The men have given their case fully to the public, while the company has said very little except to circulate rumors of their property being in danger and calling upon the sheriff of each county for protection. The men everywhere are peaceable and quiet, and promise to do nothing more than to induce all they can to quit work.

Additional strike news on fourth page.

## FROM SUBURBAN POINTS.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Highland Dots Arranged in Readable Form for Those Who Are Interested in That Town, and a Few Items from Upper Lehigh.

Special and regular correspondence from the surrounding towns is solicited by the TRIBUNE. Communications or items intended for publication must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

### HIGHLAND DOTS.

A large number of our foreign brethren left here for their native land on Monday. We hope they will like it so well over there that they will remain for good.

It is rumored that Mr. Kester, foreman at No. 1 breaker, will be promoted to a higher position in the near future.

John Kellar, of Hazleton, paid the town a visit on Sunday.

Charles Snyder left here for Silver Brook on Saturday, where he has secured work.

Albert Snyder, of Sandy Run, who has been laid up for nearly a year with an injured leg, called on friends here on Sunday.

Work at the collieries suspended on Tuesday at noon on account of the Valley strike, and will not resume until cars can be had.

Miss Bettie Boyle, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. McMonigle, at this place.

Typhoid fever, it is reported, has found its way among the children at No. 2.

The coal dumps at this place for supplying the houses will be abandoned and hereafter all coal will come from No. 2 breaker.

Louis Brandmeyer, Jr., was laid up last week with an injured foot received in the mines.

The work of plastering the houses is nearly completed.

There is a promise of several weddings at this place early next month.

The passenger stations at this place would indicate, to thinking people, that this community is composed of barbarians.

Hugh Shovlin removed his household effects to Freeland on Monday.

Several of our hunters are making great records for themselves this season. One man used fourteen pounds of shot and six pounds of powder and the game—one rabbit and a squirrel.

### UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

The funeral of the late William Powell on Tuesday caused a cessation of work at all the collieries here that day, and the large attendance of the employes at the sad obsequies was another proof of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Friends of the family, as well as men who formerly worked here, came from Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and different points of the Wyoming region in large numbers, and sorrow and regret at having lost such a dear friend could be seen on the countenances of all who followed the remains to the grave.

Frank Crocker and wife, and son Arthur, paid a visit to Weatherly friends last week.

So long as the Jersey Central can get cars the strike will not affect this place. All the coal of the Upper Lehigh collieries goes over that road.

Dennis Burns found a horse and wagon standing on the street here on Tuesday. Being unable to find an owner he took care of both over night. Yesterday he started with them to Freeland, where he intended to have them placed in a livery stable until claimed, but the owner, a White Haven man, arrived and claimed them as his property. He did not tell why he deserted the team and wagon.

L. Olsho has his storeroom at 57 Centre street filled with the finest grades of seasonal clothing for men, youths and boys. Goods are sold for cash and money can be saved by dealing with him.

Little girl (after waiting some time for dessert)—"Grandpa, what do you have after dinner?" Grandpa—"Dyspepsia, my dear." Little girl—"Oh, Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills will cure that."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

## Working Under the Legal Age.

From Today's Speaker.

Little Eddie McLaughlin, son of Patrick McLaughlin, of Diamond avenue, Hazleton, was caught in the machinery at No. 7 breaker at Stockton, and had both his legs so badly mangled that amputation was necessary and the poor little fellow died at the hospital last night shortly after the operation.

The boy is about 13 years old, and time and again have his parents tried to persuade him to quit the breaker and go to school, but he begged to be allowed to work until the holidays so that he could get the presents which Coxe Bros. & Co. give the breaker boys at Christmas. His death has caused a great deal of sorrow in the household and his parents have the sympathy of every one.

### Nineteen Miles Under the Ground.

From the Sentinel.

A Reading surveyor says that it is possible to walk underground from Locust Gap to Mahanoy Plane, an air line distance of fourteen miles. The gangways of one mine run into one another and in other cases connections are made by air holes. The Locust Spring colliery's east gangway connects with the west gangway of the Monitor colliery which joins the Potts workings. The west gangway of Bast colliery runs into the east gangway of Potts and the Bast is joined to Preston. This would make an actual distance of nineteen miles, which would be longer than the longest continuous street in the world.

### The Trolley in the Mines.

A new application of electricity to mining is about to be made at the Mt. Look-out colliery, at Wyoming, this county. It is to be the hauling of coal inside the workings, from the breasts and gangways to the foot of the shaft. The trolley system will be used.

The plant, which is already on the ground, will be located outside and will be used also to light the workings with incandescent lamps. If the system is a success it will prove an immense saving to the operators, doing away with thousands of mules and drivers, and may take the place of locies where the latter are used.

### Lockjaw from a Cow's Tail.

C. B. Jackson, superintendent of a slaughter house at Wilkes-Barre, while attempting to drive several steers into a stable, seized one by the tail when he ran away. Jackson had caught the tail by the bushy end, and when the frantic animal jerked away Jackson's hand was severely cut by the long hair.

He paid little attention to it, when it began to swell, and the case gradually developed into lockjaw. Dr. Murphy was called and found it necessary to amputate a part of the hand, but the patient is growing worse, and all hopes of saving him have been given up.

### Charter Granted.

At the state department in Harrisburg on Tuesday a charter was granted to the Freeland Electric Light, Heat and Power Company. The capital stock of the company is \$15,000, and the directors are Fred W. Bleckley, Harry E. Sweeney, Chas. H. Weiss, William F. Hoch and William D. Boyer.

### DOINGS AT COURT.

The trial of Joseph Broskowsky, who is charged with the killing of Joseph Sofranko at this place last June, was set down for Tuesday, but on account of the inability of George Malinky, one of the witnesses, to attend the trial was again postponed. Malinky is lying at his residence on Fern street with a broken leg. After the postponement Attorney Hayes succeeded in having Broskowsky released on bail. The court fixed the amount at \$10,000, and A. Radewick, Albert Novak and John Ragan became his bondsmen.

Thomas Brown, who was found guilty of murder in the first degree at a previous trial, was retried on Tuesday for killing Lucius Robinson at Ebervale during a quarrel. The verdict this time was manslaughter and he will be sentenced on Saturday.

Several witnesses from here gave testimony at Wilkes-Barre on Monday before the examiner in the case of the Union Street Railway Company vs. the Hazleton and North Side Electric Company. A decision will be rendered later.

Ex-Banker F. V. Rockafellow, of Wilkes-Barre, whose banking institution went under last February, leaving depositors in the lurch to the sum of \$440,000, was arraigned in court on Tuesday. His trial is on today.

Among the deeds recorded this week were the following: Bernard Gallagher to John McFadden, property in Foster, for \$1,600.

The trial of Frank DePiero was postponed on Tuesday until December 15.

Old newspapers for sale.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

LOCAL JOTTINGS GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Little Ones of Interest About People You Know and Things You Wish to Hear About—What the Folks of This Vicinity Are Doing.

The miners' hospital at Hazleton has thirty-seven patients at present.

Mrs. Margaret Weiss has been appointed postmistress at Grand Tunnel, this county.

John Sweeney, aged about 10 years, fell from a wagon at Drifton yesterday. A wheel passed over his right arm and broke it above the elbow.

Thanksgiving Eve will be celebrated here by the Jeddo Progressive Club, which will hold its fourth annual ball at the opera house on that date.

A shooting match for turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens will be held at the hotel of John Schnee, Johnson street, Freeland, on Thanksgiving Day.

Register-elect Davenport has offered a clerkship in his office to John J. Brislin, of Sugar Notch, and Treasurer-elect Reid will appoint ex-Sheriff R. P. Robinson as his chief deputy.

The Slavonians had a jolly time at their annual ball on Tuesday evening. Quite a number of the dancers were masked, and several expensive and original designs were noticed.

Barner Reich, of Wilkes-Barre, died on Sunday from the effects of a beating he received near Kingston a few days before from unknown men, who robbed him of several hundred dollars.

The strike of the Wilkes-Barre lace workers has ended by the employes agreeing to accept a reduction of 20 per cent. until trade improves sufficiently to pay them at the rate of their former wages.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week Owens Council, Degree of Pochontas, will hold a tea party and oyster supper at the Cottage hall. Tickets are 25 cents each, and are good for oysters or supper.

All the coal of Coxe Bros. & Co. that had been consigned to the Lehigh Valley Company for delivery at tidewater was redesignated yesterday and delivered by the D. S. & S. to the Pennsylvania road, which will take it west.

A single trial of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters will convince any one troubled with costiveness, torpid liver or any kindred diseases of their curative properties. They only cost 25 cents per bottle. Sold by Dr. Schilcher.

William Daubert, aged 9 years, a son of Louis Daubert, of Beach Haven, was killed by a train at that place on Monday. The funeral was attended yesterday by Daniel Daubert, A. W. Washburn and Steve Drasher, of this place.

### A DISTINGUISHED GATHERING.

Annual Banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

New York, Nov. 22.—The annual dinner of the chamber of commerce of the state of New York are always of more than local interest, and the one hundredth and twenty-fifth banquet, at Delmonico's last evening, was no exception. Men of national reputation were present, and not only were the affairs of the city and state discussed, but the policy of the nation was foreshadowed by utterances of its high representatives.

Had all the noted men been present who were expected until the eleventh hour the occasion would have been even more memorable. Those who did attend formed one of the most notable gatherings ever brought together by that ancient and honorable body known as the chamber of commerce. Men of every profession gathered in the assembly rooms at Delmonico's taking seats at the flower-bedecked tables.

Among those present were Secretary Carlisle, Comptroller Eckels, Florence O'Driscoll, M. P., one of the whips of the liberal party. President of the Chamber of Commerce Charles S. Smith presided. Secretary Carlisle sat at his right; at his left was Congressman Outhwaite.

Among others at the guests' table were Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, president of Princeton College; Hon. Carl Schurz, Rear-Admiral Gherardi, Congressman Bourke Cockran, William Walter Phelps, Whitelaw Reid, Murat Halstead and Seth Low, president of Columbia college.

There were five tables, presided over by the members of the dinner committee. Bouquets of roses adorned the tables, and the mirrors back of the guests' table were draped with the Stars and Stripes and the flags of Great Britain and France.

President Smith repped on the table with his gavel at 9:10. After a few remarks himself, he then in a few chosen words introduced Secretary Carlisle.

Mr. Carlisle was received with applause. He was frequently interrupted with applause, particularly when he spoke of the necessity of a sound and stable currency. The secretary was given three cheers when he concluded. He was followed by other prominent speakers.

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