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## BIG MEETING OF MARKLE'S MEN

### Jeddo Firm's Employees Are Very Much Displeased.

### Large Gathering at the Grand Opera House Last Evening Decides Upon Future Line of Action.

That the employees of G. B. Markle & Co., of Jeddo, are dissatisfied and want certain grievances redressed was fully demonstrated last evening by the hundreds of this firm's employees who responded to the call for a mass meeting at the Grand opera house.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the reply given the grievance committee by Superintendent Smith, in which the employees' request for the rescinding of the "topping" order was refused, also to consider and take action on other grievances which the men claim are existing at the several collieries operated by the firm.

The meeting was presided over by Frank Ray, of Jeddo, chairman of the grievance committee.

After the object of the meeting had been stated a general discussion of the grievances followed. The principal cause of complaint at present is the order which requires miners to have six inches of topping on the cars they load, this topping to be on the cars when the latter reach the docking boss. As many of the cars travel miles after being loaded before they reach the docking boss, and are handled roughly by the motors and mules, often being hoisted up one or more slopes, the impossibility of keeping the topping on the cars is evident to every fair-minded man.

As the disobedience, or alleged disobedience, of the order is a sufficient excuse to discharge the offender, the miners recognize that they can be picked off and ousted at will by the company. The miner, not knowing what condition his loaded car may be in when it reaches the docking boss, can offer no defense if he is accused of light loading, as the company refuses to make allowance for loss of the topping in transit.

The sentiment of the meeting was apparently in favor of forcing the issue, as the majority regard the order as a thinly-veiled plan of the company to rid itself of men who perform their work satisfactorily but who are too prominent in union circles to suit the firm.

An address by John P. Gallagher, of Silver Brook, secretary of District No. 7, U. M. W., had a noticeable effect upon the meeting. Mr. Gallagher attended in the absence of President Duffy, who is in New York city. He cautioned the men against taking any action which might jeopardize the general settlement and suggested that still another effort be made to adjust their differences with Markle & Co.

This suggestion was acted upon favorably by appointing a committee to procure all necessary information on the subjects in dispute and place the same in the hands of the general grievance committee of the Jeddo firm's employees.

Another mass meeting will be held in a short while to again consider the questions at issue.

## ALL ARE SILENT.

### Operators and Miners Refuse to Divulge Result of Conference.

The conference between the representatives of the anthracite coal operators and of the United Mine Workers adjourned late Wednesday afternoon. John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, said, when he left the room, that the adjournment was "for good." He said he could not make public what had taken place or what the result of the conference was. The delegates will report to the National Civic Federation when that body meets at a time not yet decided upon.

When the coal operators left the conference room the following statement was given out by them:

"Under the arrangement with the Civic Federation it was understood that the report of this committee could be made to that body only and until the Civic Federation meets we cannot make a report to anybody else either in the case of an agreement or disagreement."

The four labor leaders, President Mitchell and District Presidents Fahy, Duffy and Nichols, were in consultation

with the members of the delegations from the affected districts, Nos. 1, 7 and 9. It could not be learned what was the subject or result of this conference.

President George F. Baer, of the Reading Company, who was a member of the conference committee, appeared to be in an unusually happy frame of mind. No amount of questioning, however, could induce him to say anything as to the result of the meeting, other than that it was mutually agreed between all the representatives at the conference, both the miners and the operators, that nothing should be disclosed at this time nor until a definite understanding or agreement has been reached.

That there has been no agreement and that there are to be future meetings of the committee was evident from Mr. Baer's remarks, but he would make no statement concerning either.

MITCHELL IN PHILADELPHIA.

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, paid a brief visit to Philadelphia yesterday. He was met by his colleagues on the executive board of the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers and Vice President Hayes. He refused to talk of the anthracite situation, and returned to New York late in the afternoon.

Mr. Mitchell and a committee of miners from District 2, of the Pennsylvania bituminous field, had an interview with W. A. Lathrop, president of the Webster Coal and Coke Company. There was no question of wages involved, nor recognition of the union. The men are at work. The company has refused to pay off the compulsory check. It is understood that the matter will be amicably adjusted on Monday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OPINION.

Reese A. Phillips, general superintendent of the mines of the Delaware and Lackawanna Company, gave out an interview last evening in which he said that he did not think that there will be any general miners' strike this year. He said that he was possessed of no knowledge from an official source as to what had been agreed upon at the conference in New York, but in view of the confidential position that Mr. Phillips holds with the company his interview is regarded as significant.

He complimented the spirit shown by the representatives of the miners in New York and especially the courtesy they have shown in not announcing to their unions the result of the New York conference previous to a report being made to the conciliation committee of the Civic Federation.

## New Railroad Planned.

From Yesterday's Philadelphia Record.

The Penn Haven Junction and Glen Onoko Railroad Company, with Alfred Walter as president, has been chartered to build a steam road from Penn Haven Junction to Glen Onoko, a short distance above Mauch Chunk, a stretch of five and one-half miles. The company is a Lehigh Valley Railroad corporation, and its purpose is to give that company additional tracks between the two points named where its traffic is very heavy.

The present facilities of the Lehigh Valley between Penn Haven Junction and Glen Onoko are somewhat contracted, and the location of its line, between the mountain on one side and the Jersey Central on the other, leaves no room for expansion. The new line will follow the course of the Lehigh river on the opposite side from the Lehigh Valley tracks, connecting with them at Penn Haven Junction and Glen Onoko. Its immediate construction, however, is not probable, the Lehigh Valley having simply taken the precautions of locating the line and condemning the ground.

## Bandmen Banquet.

The members of St. Ann's band, accompanied by their lady friends, held their third annual banquet and dance last evening at the Hotel Osborne. The band had for its guests the ex-members of the organization, who were also accompanied by their lady friends.

After the banquet a musical program was rendered, which was followed by brief addresses. Dancing was then begun and continued until a seasonable hour, DePierro's orchestra furnishing the music.

## Taylor's Minstrels.

The famous Taylor's Minstrels, of Hazleton, will be the attraction at the Grand opera house tomorrow evening. Although an amateur organization, these minstrels have won a reputation for themselves that compares favorably with the record of many traveling companies and may be depended to give a first-class show throughout.

The performance is to be given under the auspices of the Good Wills Athletic Association.

## ROUND THE REGION.

More than 400 checks of the endless chain firm, Van Kirk & Robius have gone to protest at the banks of Wilkesbarre within the last few days. The checks vary from \$150 to \$14,500, representing in all about \$3,200. The firm drew out most of the money in the banks when the postal authorities suspended their business, pending the investigation. At the postoffice the daily mail is decreasing somewhat, but there are still several thousand letters daily, and there are about 50,000 now awaiting the decision of the authorities.

Webster Campbell, of Weissport, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Heydt, at Mauch Chunk, to ten years in the Eastern penitentiary for the larceny of \$28 in money and a watch at Palmerton last November. He is not yet 30 years old but has served a year in the county jail for involuntary manslaughter, the killing of George Hiskey in 1891, and four years in the penitentiary for having robbed a house at Weissport in 1896.

Luzeerne county Prohibition convention will be held on Wednesday next at Wilkesbarre. A county chairman and other officers are to be chosen; also delegates to the state convention, which will be held at New Castle on May 21, are to be elected, and other important matters make it necessary to call the convention early. Every Prohibition voter is asked to be present.

William Ufalness, of Shenandoah, died at Pottsville hospital from knife wounds inflicted, it is alleged, by William Jones, colored. The men had a quarrel in a saloon at Shenandoah, during which it is declared, Jones drew a dirk and slashed his opponent.

After being out four hours the jury in the case of Victor Zerambo returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. He was charged with killing Anthony Sennick in the Exeter mine, on February 11. Zerambo is 21 years old.

John W. Drown, of Inokorman, pleaded guilty in court yesterday to the charge of assault upon his fifteen-year-old daughter and was at once sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary.

Rev. Bushnok, of McMaster university, Toronto, Can., has accepted a call to the pastorage of the Baptist church at Lansford, recently made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Griffith.

## DRIFTON.

Mrs. Dolan, of Honey Brook, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Collins, of Connecticut, is visiting her son, John Collins.

There will be a regular meeting of St. Ann's Cadets on Sunday to elect delegates to attend the diocesan union convention at Avoca.

Mr. and Mrs. Drumtra, of Hazleton, spent Wednesday with friends here.

Mike Oudeck has accepted a position in the main office.

The Meko family, of Freeland, moved to town this week.

Edith, the six-year-old daughter of Thomas J. Richards, is dangerously ill.

Miss Minnie Allen has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Mame Sims, of Jeddo, is visiting in town.

## WEDDINGS.

Harry E. Arnold, of Burdette, N. Y., and Miss Maggie Miller, of Highland, were married on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Miller, at Highland.

Rev. J. W. Bischoff, of Upper Lehigh. Mr. Arnold was attended by Frank Wass, of Sayre, and Miss Miller by Miss Edith Miller. After the ceremony and wedding dinner the young couple departed on their honeymoon, which will be spent at Niagara Falls. They will make their home at Burdette.

George Hydia and Miss Mary Kollbah, of Upper Lehigh, and Michael Dzurila, of Hazle Brook, and Miss Annie Uram, of Vulcan, Schuylkill county, have been granted marriage licenses and will be united for life by Rev. Martyak tomorrow at St. Mary's Greek church.

## Stable Boss Dead.

Silas Russell Woodring, assistant stable boss at Jeddo, died at 3.30 yesterday morning from pleurisy. He was aged 41 years, 3 months and 3 days, and is survived by a wife and four children.

The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, preceded by funeral services at 10.30 o'clock at his late home by Rev. J. B. Kerschner. The cortege will proceed to St. John's church, Butler valley, where services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Reinecke. The interment will be made at St. John's cemetery.

The deceased caught cold from exposure while the mules at Jeddo were sick and during the high water trouble.

## LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

### Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

### Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

Helen, an infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Keenan, former residents of town, died on Wednesday evening at the family home in Girardville. Miss Jeanette Keenan, of Upper Lehigh, and Mrs. George McGee and Leo McDonald, of town, left yesterday to attend the funeral. The remains will be brought to town tomorrow, arriving here at 9.12 a. m., and will be buried at St. Ann's cemetery.

Attorney Carr, representing Albert Buchman, of Upper Lehigh, and P. J. Ferguson, of Shenandoah, representing the Lehigh Valley Railroad, conferred yesterday on the matter of damages claimed by Mr. Carr's client for injuries sustained in an accident on the road at Warrior Run some time ago. The matter will be amicably adjusted.

An eight-year-old son of Richard Drasher, of Front street, was struck in the teeth by a bullet from a small pistol on Wednesday, while playing with a number of other boys in the Public park. One of his companions obtained the weapon and fired the shot. Drasher's front teeth were shattered, but the ball did no further damage.

On account of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Kerschner, being engaged in conducting funeral services at Jeddo, there will be no German services at St. John's Reformed church on Sunday morning. The regular services will be held at Eckley in the afternoon, also at St. John's church in the evening.

The quarantine at Laurytown almshouse and hospital, which was placed thereon by the poor directors to prevent smallpox from being taken to the institution, has been raised. Visitors will be admitted every Thursday hereafter, as before.

A cow owned by Thomas Gould fell into an unused well near the Birkbeck homestead on Wednesday. The animal was pulled out with ropes. One of its horns was broken by the fall and it was hurt internally.

Arthur Kemmerer has resigned his clerkship at Drifton and will return to his home at Lehigh, where he will assume control of a large hardware business which has been purchased for him by his father.

The officers of the recently organized lodge of Daughters of Naomi will be formally installed on Tuesday evening by Mrs. N. Hunsicker, of Allentown, deputy organizer of the order.

Superintendent Henry Fisher, of the Freeland Water Company, has been granted a vacation for the summer by the directors. His health has become impaired from overwork.

Maj. C. B. Cox, Post, No. 147, G. A. R., is sending out invitations to the societies of town to participate in the Memorial Day demonstration.

Ice cream at Merk's.

John Shigo has removed his store to the building recently vacated by D. Gross, on South Centre street, and will enter business on a larger scale.

C. L. Fay, of Hazleton, will address the men's and boys' meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3.45 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Phillips returned yesterday from a Philadelphia hospital, where she has been receiving treatment for several months past.

Mine Inspector Davies reports five accidents in this district during April, two of which resulted fatally.

Mrs. Thomas Cumerford and family are preparing to remove from Hazle Brook to Philadelphia.

The May meeting of Foster township school board will be held tomorrow evening.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Everett, on Front street.

Plans for an addition to St. James' P. E. chapel are being prepared.

## PLEASURE.

May 3.—"Taylor's Minstrels," of Hazleton, under the auspices of the Good Wills Athletic Association. Admission, 25, 35, 50 cents.

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BASE BALL.

The junior base ball enthusiasts of town have organized a team and have adopted the title of Travelers. The club lines up as follows: Ralph DePierro, manager; John Furey, catcher;

James Boyle, pitcher; Charles Jacobs, shortstop; Patrick Boyle, first baseman; Roger Furey, second baseman; Charles Thompson, third baseman; William Boyle, left fielder; Michael Williams, centre fielder; John Shovlin, right fielder.

Broker's Office Opened.

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