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ALL DEMANDS ARE REFUSED

Operators Reject Every Offer to Compromise.

Strike Likely to Be Declared at Scranton on Wednesday—Hanna Is Trying to Avert the Conflict.

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, gave out the following statement on Saturday night regarding the secret conference between his organization and the coal operators: "The subcommittee of operators and miners selected by the industrial branch of the National Civic Federation failed to reach an agreement upon any of the important issues embodied in the miners' scale adopted by the Shamokin convention. The executive committee of the three anthracite districts of the United Mine Workers of America, in whom is vested the authority to inaugurate a strike, have been notified to assemble at Scranton, Pa., at 10 a. m. Wednesday, May 7. This committee consists of twenty-eight members appointed from the three districts, and should a majority of them vote in favor of a strike the entire 147,000 mine workers will immediately respond to the call."

Mr. Mitchell was asked if he would say what had occurred at the recent conference between representatives of the miners and the coal operators, and particularly at the meetings of the subcommittee, composed of himself, District Presidents Fahey, Nichol and Duffy and President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; Chairman Thomas, of the Erie Coal Company, and President Baer, of the Reading and Jersey Central Railroads.

He replied that there was little to tell, except that the operators had refused to grant any concessions whatsoever to the men. They would not agree that wages should be raised, that working hours should be reduced or that coal should be weighed.

HANNA'S STATEMENT. United States Senator Hanna gave out the following statement at Philadelphia last night:

"I have heard of President Mitchell's statement through Secretary Easley, of the Civic Federation, and have wired to the members of the committee in New York that I will not call another meeting, as it would be useless. "If my advice had been followed longer time would have been taken before the crisis was reached, in order that things might be explained and better understood. President Mitchell's statement was hastened by the fact that scraps of information had been given to the public embarrassing him with his men. I saw Mitchell in Washington and discussed with him another proposition which the present situation has obviated."

What the other proposition was Senator Hanna declined to say.

EVERY OFFER REFUSED. While no official statement of the subcommittee's conference has yet been given out, it may be said, however, that the labor members of the committee were unable to budge the operators' representatives a hair's breadth. Mr. Mitchell and his associates presented demands that were to be a 10 per cent raising of the wage scale of 70 per cent of the workers. They also asked for a reduction of the working day amounting to about 10 per cent more.

The operators said that the increase in wages and the reduction in time could not possibly be granted. The miners then signified a willingness to reduce the increase of wages asked for to 5 per cent. The operators would not listen to that proposition, either.

The rest of the time of the conference was taken in prolonged endeavors on the part of the miners' representatives to feel out some way by which a compromise, no matter how slight, could be made. They could get no concession of any sort at all, though they offered all sorts of combinations of plans involving one or the other of the concessions they asked for.

STRIKE ORDER EXPECTED. Reports today from all sections of the anthracite field indicate that the mine workers are in favor of a strike, and while it is not known what will be done at Scranton on Wednesday, the worst may be expected.

The miners feel that they have exhausted every honorable means to procure a peaceful settlement, and the refusal, to say nothing of the manner in

which the refusal was made, gives them no course to pursue but to strike.

This much may be said in advance of the impending conflict: It will be the most bitter war ever waged between capital and labor, and the struggle will stain the fair name of Pennsylvania with a blot which will stand for years to come as a monument to the greed and avarice of this age.

Foster School Board.

Foster school board met in regular session Saturday evening with all members present. It was decided that the secretary should make out bills from the list furnished and give them to the teachers in whose charge pupils from outside the district are attending school and that they make an effort to collect the tuition fee.

The officers of the board were authorized to sign the normal diploma blanks of Misses Leah Parry and Bessie Owen and Thomas Sarricks.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to wait on the Taxpayers' Association reported progress through Chairman Keller. Without any discussion, after the above report, a motion was made by Keller and Ziesloft that the school term be fixed at eight months. It was carried by the votes of Messrs. Keller, Ziesloft, McHugh and Johnson. O'Neil voted against the motion, and Doudt was not present at the time.

It was decided that the board attend in a body the convention to elect a county superintendent at Wilkesbarre tomorrow.

Principal Hoffman reported an enrollment of 900; average attendance 767; with a percentage of attendance of 85. He was authorized to procure lamps and oil for the meeting room.

A rumor that the county commissioners have \$800 seated land tax for the district will be investigated during the board's trip to Wilkesbarre.

The board will meet the tax collector for a final settlement on May 31. Director-elect Weber was an interested spectator at the session.

The following bills were approved and paid: Mrs. Geo. Hindson, coal and wood, \$9; Jacob Elstner, cleaning, \$4; Lewis H. Lentz, repairs, \$10.37; E. J. Edwards, oil, 30c; John Campbell, repairs, \$7.80; Upper Lehigh Coal Company, coal, \$7.80; J. D. Myers, repairs, \$24.37; G. S. Kemmerer & Co., coal, \$23.23; M. B. Markle & Co., coal, \$4.10; Cox Bros. & Co., coal, \$15.50; Mrs. Sallie Probert, cleaning, \$4; George R. Keller, supplies, \$3.77; Joseph Handlong, hauling coal, \$8.

Opera House Leased.

At a meeting of the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps yesterday the proposition of Uly S. Hill, of Shellington, Pa., to lease the auditorium of the Grand opera house building was accepted. Two weeks ago the corps received propositions from Mr. Hill and Owen Fowler, of town, in which both offered \$600 a year for the opera house. Yesterday's proposition from Mr. Hill increased the sum offered to \$700 per year and the proposition was accepted by the corps.

Mr. Hill is a well-known theatrical man and promises to give the town the best shows that can be obtained. He has already secured three other houses in the state.

The new lessee has appointed Silas Woodring, of Freeland, as resident manager, and the latter will practically have full charge of the house. Inasmuch as Mr. Woodring has had considerable experience in theatrical matters, he will prove a valuable assistant to Mr. Hill.

The lease of the building by the Freeland Opera House Company will expire on July 31 next, and on August 1 Mr. Hill will take charge of the auditorium and the Young Men's Corps will assume control of the meeting rooms.

Will Elect Superintendent.

The school directors of the county will meet in convention at Wilkesbarre tomorrow to elect a county superintendent of schools to serve for the next three years. It is not believed that the present superintendent, Prof. Frank P. Hopper, will have any opposition. The school districts in the county having their own superintendents will not participate in the election, among these districts being Hazleton, Hazle township, Nanticoke, Newport township and Wilkesbarre. Conventions for the election of superintendents will be held tomorrow in every county in the state, and in the above-named districts in this county.

Superintendent Hopper, whose term will expire within the next few days, has made a capable official and the fact that he will be re-elected without opposition is splendid testimony to his ability as an instructor and his popularity among the teachers and directors of the county. It is customary to give superintendents who measure up to expectations at least two terms.

FIVE DEATHS.

Mrs. Patrick Kennedy, Sister Josephine and Three Children Pass Away.

Mrs. Ellen Kennedy died suddenly at her home on West Walnut street shortly after 10 o'clock on Friday night. With her husband, Patrick, she retired in good health. A few minutes later she was attacked by a severe fit of coughing, and before assistance could be obtained or remedies administered she died.

Mrs. Kennedy was aged 43 years and was well known here, having lived all her life in the vicinity. She is survived by her husband and the following brothers: James J. Sweeney, of Hazleton, and Charles, Thomas and Andrew Sweeney, of town.

The funeral took place at 9 o'clock this morning and was largely attended. The remains were taken to St. Ann's church, where a requiem mass was read. Interment was made at St. Ann's cemetery.

Sister M. Josephine, at one time a teacher at St. Ann's parochial school, and who for some time past has been mother superior of the Sisters of Mercy hospital at Wilkesbarre, died at the latter place on Saturday, aged 47 years.

The remains were taken to Hazleton convent on Saturday and laid in state yesterday. They were visited by several hundred people to whom the dead Sister had endeared herself while engaged in her self-sacrificing work in the lower end.

Sister Josephine was Miss Byrne, of Buffalo, N. Y., and the day before she died completed the thirtieth year of service in the church.

The funeral took place this morning, many Freeland people participating in the services. The mass was read by Father Dunn, of Wilkesbarre, and among those in attendance were Bishop Hoban, of Scranton, and a number of clergymen, including Fathers Fallhee and Moore, of St. Ann's church.

Edith F. Richards, aged 7 years and 8 months, died yesterday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Richards, Scotch Hill, Drifton. The child had recently recovered from a mild attack of scarlet fever, which was followed by rheumatism and heart trouble, the latter affliction causing her death.

During the past winter the little one made her home with her grandmother, Mrs. William Jenkins, South Centre street, and was a pupil at Ridge street school. She was an unusually bright child and very popular among her companions.

The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon. Interment at Freeland cemetery.

Marvin Williams, aged 1 month, died yesterday at his parents' home on Centre street, near Walnut. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, preceded by services at the house by Rev. Swartz. Interment at Freeland cemetery.

Beatrice Aker, aged 7 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aker, of Sandy valley, was buried at Morrison cemetery Saturday afternoon. Death was due to whooping cough.

Delegates in the Field.

Candidates for delegates to the next Democratic county convention are announcing themselves in large numbers, and, although the date of the convention has not yet been fixed, there promises to be quite a lot of contests in lower end districts. Among those who are said to be in the field in the borough are the following:

First ward, Hugh Halloy, Jr.; Second, John Volkenand; Third, Frank Gallagher and W. J. Timony; Fourth, Patrick McGeehan, Fifth, Daniel Slattery and James Burns, Jr.; Sixth, H. A. McMenamin.

The same activity prevails in the surrounding townships, where the following are out for delegates:

Upper Lehigh, James Johnson; Highland, James Gallagher; Eckley, Michael Dennison and John McHugh; Drifton (Foster), John J. McNelis; Drifton (Hazle), Charles Kennedy and William F. Carlin; Woodside, Andrew X. O'Donnell.

Will Decorate Graves.

The Brotherhood members of the D. S. & S. Railroad employees will observe June 15 as Railroaders' Memorial Day, according to the custom of previous years. The graves of the following deceased fellow-employees will be decorated with flowers:

Freeland cemetery—Edward J. Hughes, Eli Fritzing, George Hoodmacher, Jonas Stewart, William James. St. Ann's cemetery—Thomas Tully, Frank P. O'Donnell, Michael Boyle, John McHugh. Catawissa—John Chambers. The graves of Eckley B. Cox and Daniel Cox, at Drifton, will also be decorated.

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.

The bond of Borough Treasurer John Meehan has been filed in court. The bond is in the sum of \$20,000 and the sureties are William Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Ferry, Patrick Burke, Thomas Elliott and Condy O. Boyle. Mr. Meehan received the license money on Friday and is now prepared to pay all outstanding orders issued by the borough council.

Postmaster B. F. Davis has received the new mail-boxes recently ordered, and the interior arrangement of the postoffice is now undergoing a complete change. Under the new order the boxes will be more convenient to reach by patrons as well as by the postmaster and his assistants.

The G. A. R. committee in charge of the Memorial Day exercises has selected Rev. J. W. Bischoff to deliver the annual oration at Freeland cemetery. Owen Fowler has been chosen to serve as chairman and Stephen Drasher as grand marshal of the parade.

Mrs. Patrick Meehan and son John, Mrs. John Herron and daughter Annie, and Miss Rose Burke, of Freeland, and Frank Burke, of Sandy valley, attended the funeral of the late James Gallagher at Wilkesbarre on Saturday.

Mrs. William Gilgot, of Upper Lehigh, was bitten by neighbor's dog yesterday afternoon. The animal tore large pieces of flesh from the woman's leg, inflicting painful injuries. Mrs. Gilgot formerly resided on Adams street, Freeland.

At a meeting of St. Ann's band yesterday a committee was appointed to procure samples and prices of new uniforms. The band expects to have the new outfit ready for use on Memorial Day.

Taylor's Minstrels, of Hazleton, appeared here on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Good Wills Athletic Association and gave a good entertainment. The attendance was not as large as had been expected.

Maj. C. B. Cox Post, No. 147, G. A. R., will attend services at St. John's Reformed church on Sunday, May 25, when a special sermon for the veterans will be preached by Rev. J. B. Kerschner.

Thomas Brehony, of South Ridge street, was injured by a blast in his breast at No. 5 mine, Jeddo, on Friday. The flying coal struck him about the body, inflicting several bruises.

Attorneys and witnesses left town this morning to attend the habeas corpus hearing of Thomas Smith and Lewis Dinn, who were held for the killing of Michael Choro.

A. Oswald has the agency for the celebrated Elysian's extracts and perfumery. The finest goods made. Try them.

A trench is being dug from Highland swamp to the new M. & M. Institute building and six-inch terra-cotta pipe will be laid therein, which will give the building fine sewer service.

The retail liquor license of George Shigo has been transferred to Andrew Zelanak and the latter has taken charge of the South Centre street saloon.

Mrs. Frank McLaughlin, of North Ridge street, who has been ill for some months past, is now very low and her recovery is unlikely.

A. H. Heckley is the latest addition to the horsemen of town, having purchased a trotter with a record from M. H. Hunsicker.

Alfred Cox is removing from Centre to Main street and Richard Brobst from North Centre to South Ridge street.

The services of Forty Hours' Devotion will begin at St. Ann's church next Sunday and continue for three days.

School Director Doudt, of Foster township, attended the funeral of a relative at Ashley yesterday.

Pierce Hoffmier, of Scranton, visited friends in town yesterday.

Miss Rose Gillespie, of Main street, is visiting Wilkesbarre relatives.

The Heroes defeated the Travelers yesterday by a score of 17 to 11.

Masses will be celebrated at St. Ann's church on Thursday at 7 and 9 a. m.

BIRTHS.

O'Donnell.—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Donnell, Main street, a daughter.

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DRIFTON.

The fine battery work of Bonner and Boyle won a game for Drifton yesterday from a club which was thought to be the strongest in the region. It was the Crescents' first game and their admirers counted upon a walkover, but the uncertainty of base ball was again demonstrated by the result, which was 13 to 2 in favor of Drifton. The local players put up an excellent fielding game and in batting were but one hit behind their opponents who had seven to their credit. Drifton gave its battery fine support at critical times and deserved to win for the earnest manner in which they went into the game.

A calendar party will be given by the young ladies of town on May 15 at the Odd Fellows' hall.

William Higgins was elected yesterday at the meeting of St. Ann's Cadets to attend the C. T. A. U. convention at Avoca.

Mrs. Frank Welliver and son left this morning for Wilkesbarre.

The death of the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Richards is reported elsewhere in this issue.