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BAER ANSWERED

National President Issues a Lengthy Statement.

Denies the Charge That the Union Seeks to Control the Coal Companies' Business Repeats the Demands.

In a 3,000-word statement prepared by John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, the

United Mine Workers of America, the strike leader answers in detail the statements and arguments of George F. Baer in his recent letter to Senators Quay and Penrose. The document was given to the press least evening at strike headquarters in Wilkesbarre by Mr. Mitchell's secretary.

Correspondence and other pressing matters requiring his personal attention prevented Mr. Mitchell from answering President Baer sooner. Mr. Mitchell took his time in preparing the statement, carefully investigated and corroborated all the points he wished to make, and with great deliberation placed his statements and arguments together with all the force a calm discussion of the subject would permit. Aside from the technical information concerning conditions, which he ob-

d or advice.

In his statement the national presint of the union takes the opportunity
repeat specifically that the union does
at seek to interfere with the manageent of the coal properties or with the
roper discipline of the working force,

"First-An increase in wages for men

employed on piecework.

"Second—A reduction in the hours of labor for men employed by the day.

"Third—Payment for a legal ton of

"Fifth—We favor incorporating in the form of an agreement the wages that shall be paid and the conditions of em One of the most significant parts o

One of the most significant parts of the statement is the paragraph recounting the miners' demands. The fifth and concluding section of the paragraph, in place of "we demand" says "we favor" an agreement on the wages and conditions of employment that shall obtain for a specified period.

This is tantamount to a declaration that the union will not stand out for formal recognition but will be satisfied with the wages and conditions asked for.

The opinion is expressed by those who have read the statement that even an astute lawyer and financier like President Baer will have some trouble in answering Mr. Mitchell's arguments to the satisfaction of the public.

RUMORS OF CONCESSIONS.

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One of the most prominent individual coal operators in the Schuylkill coal regions, who will not allow his name to be used, made a statement last night to the effect that the independent operators will make concessions to the striking miners this week and it is expected that such collieries will be allowed to resume work at once by the union.

The individual operators have been contemplating making concessions for some time past, as they are not able to stand the great financial losses occasions to stand the great financial losses occasions.

NO TRAINS WERE HELD UP

and searched for non-union men. General Superintendent Garrett, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, who was in Philadelphia yesterterday, said: "I have investigated the reports that some of our trains have been held up by the strikers and have not found anything to base the reports on. They must have been put out by some one who saw a number of men enter a train at some of the small stations in the soal regions."

wrong to commit some violent act against their opponents. But let me say, as I have said before, the worst enemy our union has, the one who deals the worst blow to our cause, is the one amongst us who violates the law. If we cannot win this strike by honorable means, a thousand times better is it that we should be defeated. Better the complete disruption of our organization than a victory won by questionable measures."

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RECKLESS SHOOTING YESTERDAY.

Nanticoke was the scene yesterday
afternoon of a shooting that will result
fatally. It was the old story of the
deputy and his gun. Joseph Gillis, a
striker, was shot four times, it is alleged, by James Sweeney, a guard at
the Bliss mine of the Delaware, Lackavanne and Westers Coursey. leged, by James Sweeney, a guard at the Bliss mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, and is in a critical condition at his home. His reputed assailant is incarcerated in the borough lock-up. From what can be learned of the shooting, Gillis and two companions went to the stockade of the Bliss mine and engaged in conversation with Sweeney. What its purpose was is not known, but the deputy is said to have suddenly pulled out a revolver and fired directly at Gillis.

A party of striking miners from Plymouth boarded a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western freight train last evening below Avondale to ride to their homes. As they were passing the Avondale colliery they were fired upon by deputies behind the stockade. One of the bullets entered the leg of James Horton, inflicting a painful wound. No arrests have yet been made.

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It was apparently a field day for the deputies behind the stockades. Besides shootings at Nanticoke and Avon dale, they are accused of using their guns on Officer Michael Hanlon and John Fallon, of Wilkesbarre. As Fallon was passing the Stanton colliery he was startled when six bullets rapid succession went flying over his head. Officer Hanlon, who heard the sound of the reports, came to the rescue and was also reeted with a fusillade.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

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A rumor is in circulation that an attempt to operate Drifton colliery will be made this week. Those in a position to know the truth refuse to speak on the subject. There is considerable loose coal in the mines and the breaker could be run for a few days with the supply on hand. Union men are expecting that this coal will be hoisted soon, in order to give the operators a chance to spread the report that "another colliery has resumed."

Rev. Carl Houser, pastor of the Slavonian Lutheran church, is charged in this morning's Hazleton Standard with inducing members of his congregation to return to work. Rev. Houser denies the allegation and has placed the matter in

he hands of his attorneys.

It was admitted at Wilkesbarre yes

to Forest City.

At the request of Colonel Watres, in command in the vicinity of Scranton, the Sheridan troop, of Tyrone, was yesterday ordered out by Governor Stone to do duty in Lackawanna county.

Death of Edward Turnbach.

Edward Turnbach, leader of Hazleton Citizens' Alliance, died yesterday
morning after eight weeks of the most
intense suffering. He was born in
White Haven July 25, 1848, and was the
descendant of an illustrious revolutionary soldier, John Turnbach, who served
under General Wayne.

When seventeen years of age he
entered the employ of Coxe Bros. & Co..
at Drifton, accepting the position of
shipping clerk. He served in this capacity from 1869 to 1882, when he went
to Hazleton and engaged in the dynamite business.

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Mr. Turnbach is survived by six children, William A., John J., Edward R.,
Mary B., Prentiss and Walter. His
first wife preceded him in death several
years ago, while his second wife died on

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The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon from his late residence on West Broad atreet.

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EXTRACT FROM MITCHELL'S SPECCH.

Every striker should carefully read the speech delivered by President Mitchell at Dickson City. The following is an extract:

"I want to repeat the advice I have given you before. I know that going through more than four months of strike is likely to cause some to become restless and irritated, and make them feel sometimes that it would not be a great on West Broad street.

O West Broad street.

Coal for the Schools.

Arrangements were made last week to supply the borough schools with coal from Sandy Run stripping. Owing to the almost incessant rain since last Wednesday but little coal has lately been taken out of the stripping and consequently none has yet been delivered to the schools. The fuel, however, will be sent to town as soon as the weather clears sufficiently to permit the men to resume their work of digging it out. Orders have been placed for a quantity that is estimated as sufficient to keep the buildings heated until the labor difficulties come to an end.

ROUND THE REGION.

Six policemen of Exeter borough, Joseph Hudock, William Dougherty, John Knock, Stephen Yosso, Joseph Chadwick and John Mould, Jr., handed In their stars and other paraphernalia to Burgess Gross and stated that they had resigned. When asked the reason they stated that they refused to serve on the force with the chief, Sanford Geddes, who is at present working as a coal and iron police officer at the Pettebone colliery.

James Sanders, of Plymouth, is dead from the stab wounds received at the hands of Michael Gillan of the same town Wednesday morning. Gillan, Sanders and several others were drinking and a quarrel ensued in which Giling and a great ensued in which great ensued in in their stars and other paraphernalia t

Sanders and several others were drink-ing and a quarrel ensued in which Gil-lan stabbed Sanders with a knife. De-ceased was 38 years of age and is sur-vived by one son. Gillan is about 50 years of age. He has a wife and two daughters.

The State Educational Association

The case against John Smith, Ignatz Shukis, Mike Yushkis, Paul Tomchek and Anthony Waycyulis, the men charged with the murder of Daniel Sweeney at Nanticoke a few weeks ago, was down for trial Saturday, but was continued until next term.

George Coronway died at Wilkesbarr yesterday, aged 60 years. His poetica contributions to the Welsh press mad his name known to the people of tha nationality the world over.

The authorities at White Haven ar gaining on the typhoid fever epidemi in that town and the disease is expecte to be wiped out within a few more weeks

Admiral Melville III.

Rear Admiral George W. Melville,
who delivered the Founders' Day address at the M. & M. Institute closing
exercises on June 4, is ill in a Philadelphia hospital. He was taken there yesterday morning from his apartments in
a hotel, and while it was said that the
admiral is a very sick man, there is
nothing alarming in his condition. It
was stated at the hospital last night
that his aliment is of a malarial nature,
although no definite statement was

made, as his case will not be diagnosed until today.

Admiral Melville arrived in Philadelphia shortly after 10 o'clock on Saturday night. He went immediately to his room and denied himself to all callers. While his illness was sudden, it was a matter of comment among those who had seen him that he was pale and worn looking. It was remembered, too, that he had been complaining for several weeks. Confirmation of this came a few minutes later, when the admiral sent for his physician, who ordered his immediate removal to the hospital.

Admiral Melville was 61 years old in July last, and under the code governing the retirement of naval officers will finish his term of service next year.

Rousing Luzerne Voters.

County Chairman Fred C. Kirkendal as opened up Democratic county head uarters and is now ready to conduc

County Chairman Fred C. Kirkendall has opened up Democratic county head-quarters and is now ready to conduct an aggressive campaign. He is ably assisted by E. J. Moore, the secretary, who looks after the detail work.

Mr. Kirkendall is confident that the Luzerne Democracy are going to elect their ticket this fall by a good majority. The majority will not be as large as last year, when the fusion ticket had a majority of 15,000, but Chairman Kirkendall looks for at least 3,000 majority.

jority.

The ticket the Democrats have be the people is the strongest that been named for years. There w good-natured rivalry before the cortion for the various offices, but now the nominations have been made Democrats are co-operating with the county chairman to get out the vote and bury all differences of the past.

No Temperance Parade.

There will be no C. T. A. U. cel tion on October 10 this year. I been called off. It was the intenti

LOCAL NOTES

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded With out Waste of Words.

The Jewish holy days will be ushered with the New Year (Rosh Hashana) in with the New Year (Rosh Hashana), on Thursday, October 2. This day will mark the beginning of the year 5663, and is followed in ten days by the Day of Atonement or Fast Day (Yom Kippur) on Saturday, October 11, and five days thereafter by the Harvest Festival (Succoth), on Thursday, October 16.

Ellsworth Hoffman, of Easton, and Miss Margaret Ashman, of Upper Lehigh, were married on Saturday evening at the bride's home by Rev. O. G. Langford. George Anderson, of Perth Amboy, N. J., was groomsman and Miss Emma Hoffman, of Upper Lehigh, was bridesmald. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman

Emma Hoffman, of Upper Lehigh, was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman will reside at Easton.

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Mrs. Patrick Quinn, of No. 2 Drifton,
while on her way to St. Ann's church
yesterday morning, slipped and fell
between the ties on the trolley road
trestling below the D. S. & S. station.
One of her ankles was sprained and she
was otherwise hurt by the fall.

The case of Charles Roblands, Victor Kline and Charles Roberts, coal and fron police, who are charged by John Watchko with assault at Drifton on July 3, was called in court on Saturday, but was continued until the next term.

In a well-played game of foot ball at in a weil-played game of foot ball at the Tigers park Saturday afternoon the Good Wills team won from the Crescents by a score of 10 to 5. It was the first contest of the season and both clubs put forth their best efforts to win.

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District Deputy Grand Master John
W. Scott, of Hazleton, will install the
officers of Mt. Horeb Lodge, I. O. O. F.,
Freeland, on Thursday evening, and
the officers of Butler Lodge, Drums,
Saturday evening.
Rev. J. B. Kerschner, of St. John's
Reformed church, will address the Reformed Ministerial Association at Rock
Glen this evening. His subject will be:
"The Social Influence of the Church."

The funeral of Mrs. John Walck, of

A young son of Carl Gross, of Up Lehigh, fell on Saturday from a che nut tree and was badly hurt. Ame his injuries is a fractured skull.

Sunday morning next.

The Democratic county candidates began their tour this morning. The nominees will visit every important town in the county before election day.

"The Battle of Gettysburg" was the subject of an interesting address, delivered by John Shafer at the Park M. E. church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Picharde, have

Andrew O'Donnell, clerk in Campbell'

tore, has returned from his vacation pent with relatives at Allentown. John J. McNelis left today for Wilke

Bernard Gallagher, janitor of Municipal building, returned last e ing from Allentown.

Andrew Kashmerick and Miss Ann oltis, both of Milnesville, were marrie rning by Rev. Carl Houser.

William Ferry, of Ridge street, is siting relatives at Easton.

G. Mord NeuBurger has resumed his studies at Jefferson Medical college. John B. Hanlon is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

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Thomas Smith Acquitted. Thomas Smith Acquitted of the charge of killing Michael Choro at 1.50 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when the jury in the case returned a verdict of not guilty. The jurors deliberated three hours before they announced that they had agreed upon a verdict. Smith was immediately discharged, and Louis Dinn, who was indicted with him, was also set free after bail in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance later had been furnished. The case against Dinn will

also set free after bail in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance later had been furnished. The case against Dinn will now be dropped, and after certain legal formalities have been observed his bail will be released.

The taking of the testimony in the case was not concluded until late Friday night, after which the attorneys of each side addressed the jury. Judge Ferris delivered his charge Saturday morning. The case was given to the jury at 10.50 a. m., and at 1.50 p. m. the members reported to the court with the verdict of acquittal.

Shortly after the jury rendered its decision the news reached Freeland and the friends of the young men were overjoyed at the result of the trial.

Dinn and his friends arrived home on the 4.45 o'clock train and were profusely congratulated by the acquaintances of the family. Much sympathy was expressed for the young man's father, Bernhard Dinn, to whom the charge against his son was a trying ordeal.

Smith, accompanied by his attorneys and relatives, arrived here on the 7.35 o'clock train from the county seat. Many friends met them at the station to congratulate the acquitted man and the streets were lined with people, several of whom cheered their approval of the result.

The local attorneys, Daniel Kilne

The local attorneys, Daniel Kline and George T. Brown, were also con-gratulated for the successful defense they made for their client.

Dettrey Case Dismissed.

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The case of Gottlieb Ganshorn, of Derringer, against William Dettrey, of Nuremberg, a member of the district executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, in which the latter was charged with surety, was tried before Judge Ferris at Wilkesbarre on Saturday. The defense strenuously endeavored to bring about the conviction of Mr. Dettrey, but the testimony adduced was of such a flimsy character that the judge dismissed the case for lack of evidence.

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