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COMMISSION MAKES A CALL

Upper Lehigh and Drifton Inspected Today.

Strike Arbitrators View Two of Freeland's Suburban Towns and Then Leave for Hazleton and Vicinity.

At 9.05 o'clock this morning the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission arrived over the Jersey Central Railroad at Upper Lehigh in a special train composed of a Lehigh Valley Railroad coach, the Pullman car Harlech and a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad coach. The train left Wilkesbarre at 6 a. m. and was met at Pond Creek Junction by District President Duffy, of McAdoo, National Board Member P. G. Gallagher, of Freeland, and a host of metropolitan newspaper correspondents. Breakfast was eaten en route, and the meal was just concluded when the town was reached.

At Upper Lehigh station the arrival of the train was awaited by Superintendent A. C. Leisenring, George Wilmot, Jr., Coal and Iron Policeman William Raught and representatives of the Tribune and Plain Speaker. Owing to the fact that few people knew that Upper Lehigh had been chosen as one of the towns to be inspected by the commission, the coming of the distinguished party was not anticipated by the people of either Upper Lehigh or Freeland.

Four carriages were ready to convey the members of the commission and their guests to any points they wished to view. After a brief consultation it was decided to not enter any of the Upper Lehigh Coal Company's collieries, but to inspect in a general way the town and the houses rented by the company to the miners they employ.

Accordingly, the commission, accompanied by Assistant Recorders Moseley and Niell; Messrs. Duffy and Gallagher, representing the union; Superintendents Richards, of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Company, and Warriner, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and the Upper Lehigh Company representatives, drove through the town and entered and examined a few of the miners' homes.

An invitation to visit Upper Lehigh tower, from which the surrounding country can be viewed for many miles around, was extended to the party by Superintendent Leisenring and accepted. A brief stay was made there, several climbing to the top of the structure and enjoying the splendid scene presented.

Upon their return another conference was held and the commission decided to view Drifton next, but not to go into the mine. The operators' representatives were anxious that the party should examine No. 40 colliery, of the Lehigh Valley Company, at Hazleton, while the miners' representatives requested that Harwood mine be chosen. Both were rejected, and an Audenried colliery, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Company was selected and this afternoon was fixed as the time for the examination.

SHORT STAY AT DRIFTON.

Leaving Upper Lehigh the special train retraced its way to Pond Creek Junction, where the Lehigh Valley tracks were taken. No stop was made at Sandy Run or Highland, but a five-minute stay was made at Freeland station, where newspapers were procured, after which the train proceeded to Drifton, arriving there at 10.25 o'clock. The train was run over the D. S. & S. shop switch to the station, where Superintendent L. C. Smith, Messrs. Rohland, Pennington and other officials of Coxse Bros. & Co greeted the party.

In a few moments the commissioners learned that the collieries there were idle, and after interrogating the representatives of the company, also those who represented the union, the members returned to the train. Commissioner Watkins remarking that it was useless to spend time there if the company does not propose to abide by the regulations of the commission.

The abrupt manner in which the inspection at Drifton came to an end was a surprise to Drifton Company's officials and they appeared to be bewildered as the train took its departure.

The commissioners' train proceeded to Hazleton, where dinner was had, and at 1.30 o'clock they departed for Audenried.

During their stay in this section the commissioners were the objects of much scrutiny on the part of those with whom they came in contact. Bishop Spald-

ing, Judge Gray, General Wilson and Mr. Clark were the ones most sought out by the curiosity-seekers, their national reputations having made them more familiar to the general public than the other members. The actions of the horde of newspaper correspondents, both male and female, also interested the sight-seers.

The first four days of this week will be taken up in inspecting the mines and mining towns in Districts Nos. 7 and 9, of the United Mine Workers of America, under the jurisdiction of Presidents Duffy and Fahy, who will accompany the commission.

SATURDAY'S INSPECTION.

One of the peculiarities of the region was brought to the attention of the commission on Saturday when it visited the Dorrance mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, near Wilkesbarre, and found that it was not in operation. The reason for the idleness was the general observance of All Saints' Day as a holiday of obligation by the Polish and Lithuanian workers.

The operators say that the work year of the miners has so many holidays that great financial loss and inconvenience is the result. The commission will be asked to consider this matter and to limit and specify the days of idleness.

As the Dorrance is a very gaseous mine, the commissioners and those who accompanied them were outfitted with safety lamps. Going through the workings, a fire boss preceded the party. A drop of 600 feet was made into the seven-foot vein, when the explorations began. The commission decided to adjourn next Thursday until Friday, November 14, when the taking of testimony will begin in Wilkesbarre.

Chairman Gray said that the object in taking a recess of one week was for the purpose of giving both sides sufficient time to prepare their cases, and also to give the members of the commission an opportunity to examine the issues. The commissioners felt that the questions involved are so important that any haste may work an injury to either side to the controversy.

MITCHELL'S REPORT.

President Mitchell delivered his report to the commission last evening. It was taken to Scranton by Walter E. Weyl, acting as special messenger for Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Weyl aided in compiling the report, on which he and Mr. Mitchell have been working for some days. Neither Mr. Mitchell nor the commissioners would make public its contents today.

President Mitchell is busy on his statement outside of the statistical and expert mining portions, which are being prepared by Dr. Walter E. Weyl, of New York, and Rev. Peter Roberts, of Mahanoy City, both of whom are now established at headquarters. Later on they will be joined by William Marwick, of New York.

Realizing that at the coming hearings before the commission the operators will be fortified with the best counsel procurable, President Mitchell will meet them with an equally strong array of legal talent. Clarence S. Darrow, of Chicago, has been retained as leading counsel, and James L. Lenahan and John F. and James H. Shea, attorneys of Wilkesbarre, have also been engaged as counsel.

After a conference with representatives of both the miners and operators the commission has made this decision:

"Voted, unanimously, that if the commission, at the conclusion of its hearings and deliberations, makes any award affecting existing rates of wages, such awards shall take effect from November 1, 1902."

Accompanying the resolution was a brief statement made by Recorder Wright, in which he says:

"The resolution was adopted by the commission because it felt that it was important to make its investigations deliberately, and that it might be well, in order to relieve itself from pressure from any source which might cause undue haste, to inform the operators and the miners that should the investigation and the deliberations following it warrant any change whatever, either in the way of increase or reduction of wages, such be from a certain date, thus enabling all parties to facilitate their calculations."

The resolution meets with the approval of the miners' leaders, and is satisfactory to representatives of the big companies.

Tigers Athletic Club.

The following have been elected as officers of the Tigers Athletic Club:
President—James M. Gallagher.
Vice president—Charles McGill.
Recording secretary—Morris Boyle.
Financial secretary—P. B. McTigue.
Treasurer—John J. McMenamin.
Librarian—Bernard Boyle.
Trustees—James B. Ferry, Condy Johnson, Edward McCole, John Gallagher, Patrick McGowan.

POLITICAL.

The election tomorrow is too important to workingmen to justify any of them in throwing away their votes by supporting third-party candidates whose avowed object is to defeat the men from their own ranks who aspire to office. This is particularly true of the legislative contest. A miner has been nominated by the Democrats, but he is one of those men whose party interests will be a secondary consideration when the interests of the masses are at stake. B. J. Ferry, of Hazleton, ought to be elected tomorrow, because this district should be represented by a miner. His fellow-workers do not likely believe that one outside their ranks can and will serve them more faithfully in the legislature, and it behooves them to give him their united support.

Workingmen should also pay particular attention to the office of county commissioner. This is one of the positions in the courthouse wherein great harm can be done their interests if filled by men who can be reached by the beneficiaries of fraudulent or discriminating assessments. The board of commissioners wields tremendous power in a county like Luzerne, and if composed of any but honest and impartial men there appears much inequality and injustice in the assessment lists, which invariably tend to burden the poorer classes with an unequal proportion of all taxes.

For commissioners the choice is not a wide one, but the name of Thomas Smith must certainly appeal to every mine worker who has a memory. It was Mr. Smith who fought for and finally succeeded in reducing miners' valuations from \$70 to \$40 and mine laborers' from \$40 to \$25, which went a long way in remedying a gross abuse. No commissioner, or other person for that matter, has ever tried to restore the former unjust rate, which is good proof that Mr. Smith's claims were right. Jacob Schappert, who is also a candidate for the office, is another man who can be trusted to fill the position conscientiously and creditably, and with P. J. Finn, whose election is assured, the county will have three reliable men on guard for the next three years.

Fourth district voters ought to give James W. Holman, of Hazleton, a vote worthy of a worthy man. He is the only lower ender on Democratic or Republican ticket, and while this in itself is not sufficient reason that he should receive a large majority of the vote cast here, it ought not to be overlooked. The Fourth district is entitled to recognition in county affairs and when the opportunity comes to send a man there who possesses all the qualifications required for the office he seeks, and is also a man whose record is pure and unblemished, he is entitled to your vote. Personally it is of little concern to the average man who sits as register of wills, but collectively it is a matter of local pride that he comes from this end of the county.

Under the head of Citizens' party the voter will find on his ballot tomorrow the names of four candidates for mine inspectors. There are two to be elected. Three of the candidates are Republicans and one is a Democrat. By mutual agreement the four decided to keep the contest out of party politics by having all four names appear together in a column separate from the regular party groups. The non-partisanship shown by the candidates should be followed by the voters by choosing one of each party to fill the office. Mr. Boyle, having been for years a resident of Drifton, is probably the best known to our readers and ought to receive a vote in this locality commensurate with the respect in which he is held here.

John J. Moore, of Plymouth, is the Democratic candidate for treasurer and one of the most popular men ever placed upon a county ticket. Mr. Moore was born in Plymouth and is product of the breaker and the mines. By his exertion he has developed into one of the most prominent undertakers and furniture dealers in his section of the county. Throughout the Third legislative district he is esteemed by all classes of people regardless of nationality or politics. Mr. Moore is a thorough business man and in the event of his election will give the taxpayers a business administration of the county treasury's office.

Rev. J. C. Bickel, pastor of the Jeanesville and Audenried M. E. churches, has been transferred by Bishop Henry W. Warren to the pastorate of the First M. E. church, at Salt Lake City, Utah, a charge filled by Rev. J. N. Moorehead, formerly of Hazleton, who died two weeks ago.

LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

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

The ballots to be used at tomorrow's election in the Third ward were sent here in the name of the candidate for judge who was defeated last February. John J. McNelis, of the Democratic county committee, lodged a successful protest with the county commissioners and the ballots have been turned over to the regularly-elected judge, Frank McLaughlin.

Work on the Wilkesbarre and Hazleton trolley road tunnel on the mountain near Sugar Notch is being pushed with three shifts. The work will probably be finished by the latter part of December, and as the parts of the road are graded and the track will be laid by that time it will not be long until the road is in operation.

Private Blackburn, of Company M, First regiment, stationed at Upper Lehigh, was given a hearing yesterday morning. He was captured by the police while doing the Wild West act on South Centre street Saturday night. He was released after paying the usual fine.

The Republican candidates, Messrs. Palmer, Williamson, Jones, Smith and Harvey, addressed a number of voters at the Osborne hotel Friday evening. The report given out during the day that no meeting would be held deterred many from attending.

The grand jury, which has completed its returns, ignored the cases against thirty men who were accused of rioting and strike violence and found true bills in the cases of six coal and iron policemen, who were charged with carrying concealed weapons.

A soldier stationed on the North Side was showing his revolver to a returning member of Company G last evening while on the Traction car going to Freeland, and it was discharged, the ball tearing through the roof of the car.—Sentinel.

The grand jury has ignored the charge of burglary and housebreaking preferred against Mike Muscavich and Patrick McGuire, of Upper Lehigh; also the charge of libel made by Rev. Carl Houser against L. G. Lubrecht, of the Hazleton Standard.

The case of Charles H. Rohland, Victor Kilne and Charles Roberts, coal and iron policemen at Drifton, will be called for trial on Thursday. They are charged by J. Matchko with aggravated assault and battery on July 3.

Thomas Welsh, of Drifton, aged 16 years, is receiving treatment at the Miners hospital for injuries received near Drifton breaker. His foot slipped between the spokes of a wheel and fractured the leg below the knee.

The grand jury has recommended that two bridges be built by the county in Foster township at a cost of not over \$600 each. One is near Jacob Schade's farm and the other near Scale Sliding.

Directors Johnson, O'Neil and Dudley were the only members of Foster school board who were present Saturday evening and the November meeting was postponed to a later date.

Luigi Fortunato and Miss Michelena Laina, both of Drifton, were married at Freeland on Saturday afternoon by Thomas A. Buckley, J. P.

The First regiment, a battalion of the Sixth regiment, the First City troop and the Sheridan troop are all that remain on duty in the coal region.

James W. Horn, of town, and Miss Mary J. Woodring, of Jeddo, will be married at the home of the bride's parents on the 12th inst.

There is no change yet in the strike at Markle & Co.'s and Coxse Bros. & Co.'s collieries.

The banks of town will be closed tomorrow, election day being a legal holiday.

Messrs. O'Donnell and Cannon, of Allentown, are visiting relatives in town.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE!

Estate of Jonathan Roberts, Deceased.

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On the Premises,
Thursday, November 20, 1902,
at
10 O'clock A. M.,

the following piece of land:
All the right, title and interest of the deceased, Jonathan Roberts, in and to the following described tract of land, situated in the township of Foster, near Freeland borough, Second ward, Luzerne county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the east side of Birkbeck street, said point being three hundred and thirty-one (331) feet east one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to a corner; thence by lands of Thomas Edwards, south eighty-six (86) degrees twenty-three (23) minutes east, one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to a point; thence by lands of Highland Coal Company, thence by said lands north three (3) degrees east forty-six (46) feet to a point; thence by lands now occupied by Thomas Birkbeck, north eight (8) degrees, twenty-three (23) minutes west one hundred and twenty-nine (129) feet to the place of beginning.

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Thos. A. Buckley, Administrator, C. T. A.
Chas. Orion Stroh, Attorney.

A LATER DATE.

FREELAND OF ANNE MARTISZUS, late of Freeland borough, deceased.
Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands, present the same, without delay, to

John Martiszus, Administrator.
Chas. Orion Stroh, Attorney.

ESTATE OF CHRISTINA STARK, late of Freeland borough, deceased.
Letters testamentary upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands, present the same, without delay, to

Henry C. Stark.
Chas. Orion Stroh, Attorney.

Editor Fowler's Condition.

Editor Owen Fowler's condition today is slightly encouraging. From Friday to this morning there were no favorable developments, and his physicians and attendants feared that his chances for recovery were doubtful. A change for the better took place before noon.

Mrs. Thomas Fowler, mother of the patient, arrived here on Saturday from her home in Riverside, Northumberland county. His brother, Charles L. Fowler, of Shenandoah, spent yesterday here.

W. A. Evans, a well known newspaper man of Hazleton, has been placed in charge of the Progress office during the illness of Editor Fowler.