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COMMISSION'S FIRST SESSION

Strike Arbitrators Begin Their Investigation.

Operators and Miners Have a Brilliant Array of Counsel at Scranton to Defend Their Interests.

The first formal session of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission was held in the superior court room at Scranton this morning at 10 o'clock. The hours of the sittings were from 10 to 12:30 and 2 to 4:30 o'clock. The hearing was public, but as the space of the court room is quite limited not many outside of those directly interested were able to find accommodation.

At the opening of the session, Judge Gray outlined what procedure will be followed in the presentation of testimony. The opening address from the miners' side in the main consisted of a 6,000-word statement prepared by President Mitchell. The examination of witnesses will likely not begin until Saturday.

The belief is that the hearings will continue for at least two weeks, though there is no certainty about this. That the commissioners have no idea how long the hearings will continue is evidenced by the fact that the rooms for them at the Jermyn have been engaged for an indefinite period.

President Mitchell and his corps of statisticians, lawyers, sociologists and practical miners reached Scranton last evening. Since the termination of the strike they have been working day and night getting a mass of evidence in shape for presentation to the commissioners. Every detail has been carefully attended to and Mr. Mitchell and his co-workers are confident that they will present a case that the operators and their attorneys will find it difficult to break down.

It is the belief of Mr. Mitchell that most of the miners' testimony will be taken in Scranton, as many of the mining towns in the region have poor hotel accommodations. Should it be decided to have the greater part of the work done in Scranton miners will be summoned there from all over the region. The members of the commission have engaged fourteen rooms on the second floor of the Jermyn hotel for the use of themselves and their secretaries.

All the big corporations and the independent operators are represented by counsel at the hearings. Ex-Judge Alfred Hand and J. E. Burr is associated with John B. Kerr, the general counsel of the Ontario and Western. James H. Torrey is associated with W. O. Wilcox, vice president and general counsel of the Delaware and Hudson. Major Everett Warren will look after the interests of the Erie Co. John T. Lenahan, of Wilkesbarre, and Joseph O'Brien, of Scranton, are engaged to present the case of the non-union men.

The miners will also have a number of able lawyers, among them being Mr. Weyl, of Washington; Mr. Darrow, of Chicago; James L. Lenahan and John and James F. Shea, of Wilkesbarre, and John J. Murphy, of Scranton.

Trial Suddenly Ended.

The trial of the case of John Smith, one of the murderers of the Watchman Daniel Sweeney, at Nanticoke, suddenly terminated, when the prisoner, acting under the advice of his counsel, withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty, the degree to be fixed by the court. Owing to the circumstances of the case and the fact that the evidence against the defendant was mainly circumstantial, the district attorney and Judge Wheaton agreed to the change of the plea and the degree of the crime was fixed as murder in the second degree.

Michael Yushkis, another of the four men charged the murder, was then called for trial before Judge Halsey. The prisoner held a short consultation with his counsel and when the indictment was read to him by the district attorney and he was asked to plead he entered a plea of guilty through his attorneys and agreed that the degree of the crime should be fixed by the court.

In order that Judge Halsey could have an understanding of the facts connected with the case Paul Tomchek, one of the men who was the first to attempt to clear his skirts of the crime, was called to the stand and examined. His story was a practical repetition of the evidence he had given in the trial of Smith.

After hearing some more testimony Judge Halsey fixed the degree of the crime as murder in the second degree

and the prisoner was remanded to the jail to await sentence.

The trial of Ignatz Shukis, the third defendant, was then set down for Monday next, and at its completion Tomchek, the fourth man, will be called upon to face the jury.

Those who have followed the case and who are acquainted with inside facts are satisfied that it was not the intention of the defendants to kill Sweeney, but that they were angry because he remained at work during the strike and intended to beat him.

Selecting Assistants.

County Treasurer-elect John J. Moore does not believe in keeping any one in suspense regarding the appointments he has to make in his office. His official family will be made up as follows: Chief deputy, George T. Kirkendall, of Dallas; clerk, J. F. Mundy, of Wilkesbarre. Mr. Kirkendall is at present a clerk in the office. Mr. Mundy is a member of Wilkesbarre select council.

It is understood that Commissioners-elect Finn and Schappert have decided to appoint James W. Holman, of Hazleton, who was defeated for register of wills last week, as chief clerk in their office. W. J. Devaney, of Wilkesbarre, is said to be in line for the assistant chief clerkship.

With regard to the other appointments nothing has yet been definitely decided upon and may not be for some days. There are a number of candidates for clerkships, among them John J. McNelis, of town, whose application is endorsed by practically the entire local democracy. Mr. McNelis is one of Cox's Bros. & Co.'s blacklist victims and deserves to be recognized, not alone for his heroic stand during the strike but for his unswerving loyalty and fidelity to democracy in every local and general campaign since he entered politics. His appointment would be a tribute to party work which has been well earned and would meet with the approval of every lower end Democrat who believes in rewarding those who have given years of honest service for the ticket.

Register of Wills Mainwaring, who was re-elected, is said to be contemplating some changes in his force. One of the names suggested as likely to be chosen for deputy register is that of W. J. Morgan, of town. His appointment would be pleasing news to his many local friends.

The Spring Election.

Although the February election is some months off, candidates for the several offices to be filled at that time are quietly feeling their way for nominations. There are a number of important positions to which candidates can aspire in February, and this gives increased interest in the coming campaign.

The borough at large will elect a Burgess, tax collector and auditor, and each of the wards will elect an assessor and election officers.

The Second will choose a councilman for one year, the Third a school director, the Fourth a councilman and the Fifth a councilman and school director. Suggestions of names for the various offices are heard in both Democratic and Republican circles, but no positive announcements have yet been made. The Socialists are considering the question of placing a complete local ticket in the field.

Milnesville Abandoned.

It has been authoritatively announced that the A. S. Van Winkle estate, operators of Milnesville colliery, has given up the lease of the Milnesville property. Men are now at work in the slope tearing up the rails and making other preparations looking to the workings. About 500 men and boys are affected. No reason is assigned by the officials for abandoning the colliery.

Rumors to the effect that Pardee Bros. & Co., operators of the Lattimer colliery, will take up the lease are in circulation. The Lattimer workings adjoin those of the Milnesville, and it is urged that the coal from both workings could be prepared at one breaker. Old miners state that many thousands of tons of coal still remain in the Milnesville mine.

Y. M. C. A.

It has been decided to comply with the request of the people for a continuation of the "Week of Prayer" services. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the meeting at Y. M. C. A. rooms will be addressed by Geo. Langford. Subject, "Ten Wrong Hearers." Ladies as well as gentlemen are invited to be present. Don't forget the meeting at the Reformed church this evening. Secretary Thorburn will address the people.

It is expected that the speakers for next week will be Hon. E. A. Coray, Secretary Thorburn, J. D. Bryden and Thomas E. Lewis. Announcement will be made later.

ROUND THE REGION.

Judge Bechtel has decided that calling a non-union man a harsh name is not a punishable offense under the law. Twenty-three strikers from Mahanoy City were before the court charged by Albert Bainbridge with calling him names. All but one, who made threats, were discharged.

A large part of the business district of Olyphant was destroyed by fire yesterday. The blaze originated in the basement of Atherton & Sutton's store. This building was destroyed, as well as four smaller buildings. The total damage done was nearly \$100,000.

Governor Stone has appointed a commission to examine into the mental and physical condition of Judge P. P. Smith of the superior court. If the commission finds the judge incapacitated he may be retired from the bench on half pay.

After twelve weeks of idleness, caused by a shutdown when the girls formed a union, the Mahanoy City shirt factory has again resumed work. About fifty girls are now working. None of the employees will be allowed to join a union.

Schnylkill grand jury refused to indict the strikers who were caught mining coal in the breaches on the lands of the Girard Estate and arrested by the Second City troop of Philadelphia. The prosecutor was directed to pay the costs.

Powell Katherwiski, charged with attempting to wreck a passenger train on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad near Duryea, pleaded guilty in court yesterday and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Peter Nilus, of Edwardsville, has been committed to an insane asylum. His brother shot and wounded a man two weeks ago. It is said Nilus lost his reason by worrying over the shooting.

Notices were posted in all the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday of an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all the employes whose wages are less than \$200 per month.

The remains of John Williams, of Lansford, who died in Cincinnati, where he was a corporal in Third United States Infantry, were interred at Summit Hill with military honors.

Wilkesbarre Board of Trade has decided that the corner stone of the new Federal building shall be laid on Thanksgiving Day. The ceremonies will be under Masonic auspices.

Jessie Webster, the four-year-old daughter of F. B. Webster, died at Shenandoah as a result of eating apple trunk weed in mistake for peppermint leaf.

Edward Redington, 6 years old, died at Wilkesbarre from injuries sustained while playing a game of foot ball last Saturday with schoolmates.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is causing Lansford Board of Health considerable trouble.

WEDDINGS.

James Horn, of town, and Miss Mary J. Woodring, of Oakdale, were married Wednesday at the home of the bride by Rev. J. B. Kerschner. After the ceremony they departed for Philadelphia, where they will spend their honeymoon, and upon their return will reside at Upper Lehigh.

Elmer Walck and Miss Clara Wersinger, both of Butler valley, were married at the home of the bride yesterday in the presence of a number of invited friends. An appropriate celebration took place last evening.

John Conley, of Jeddo, and Miss Minnie Maloney, of Hazleton, were married last evening in St. Gabriel's church by Rev. Heffernan. The newly wedded couple will take up their residence at Jeddo.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Louis Switzer and Miss Annie Goepfert, of Walnut street. They will be married on the 25th inst.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Owen Fowler will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. F. Marshal will conduct services at the residence. Members of several societies of which the deceased was a member will attend in a body and other organizations will send delegations.

Rev. E. T. Swartz, of town, conducted services this afternoon at Hazleton over the remains of William Wayne, a former resident of town, who died in Philadelphia on Tuesday. The deceased was a member of Dighton P. O. S. of A. camp.

The funeral of Mrs. Edward White took place this morning from her home in Highland, and this afternoon the remains of Mrs. Charles Goersch were interred at Freeland cemetery.

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 winter timetable of the Lehigh Valley Railroad goes into effect next Sunday. The number of trains arriving and departing at Freeland will not be affected, but the time of some will be changed. The noon train for Wilkesbarre will leave about 10 minutes earlier than at present.

One of the most interesting foot ball games of the season will take place tomorrow afternoon at Hazleton, when the Crescent club and Hazleton eleven will meet for the first time. The local team is confident of victory and will make a strong effort to win.

It is reported that Bishop Hoban will in the near future appoint a pastor for St. Raphael's Catholic church at Hazleton, which is now served by Hazleton priests. Rev. William O'Hara, of Eckley, is mentioned for the appointment.

Among the Luzerne county students enrolled at West Chester normal school this term are the following from this vicinity: Misses Louisa Davis, Dighton; Mary Lesser, Upper Lehigh, and Carrie E. Mock, Jeddo.

Neil Dougherty, of Lattimer, a brother of James Dougherty, of Highland died yesterday in a Philadelphia hospital, where he went a week ago to be treated for miners' asthma. He was aged 55 years.

The anthracite output in October was only 1,250,000 tons, against 4,000,000 last year. On November 1 the output of anthracite was 24,000,000 tons less than for the same ten months last year.

Markle & Co.'s Highland collieries resumed work on Wednesday and Oakdale collieries this morning. Jeddo and Ebervale mines will be ready for resumption next week.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

Matt Broderick, one of the local ball players who had won distinction on the diamond, signed a contract this week to play next season with Brooklyn National league club.

Tickets for the next entertainment of the M. & C. course, at the Grand opera house November 22, will be placed on sale tomorrow at 9 a. m. at McMenamin's store.

Mrs. DeFoy has decided not to lease Jeddo hotel and the establishment will on December 1 pass to the management of Mrs. Sweeney, of Lehighton.

Rev. E. A. O'Reilly, a former curate at St. Ann's church, has been transferred from Wilkesbarre to South Waverly, N. Y.

Bernard McFadden is home on a short vacation from East Stroudsburg normal school.

Miss Maggie McGroarty, of South Centre street, has gone to Philadelphia to reside.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merkt's.

PLEASURE.

November 25.—Thanksgiving Eve ball under the auspices of the Crescent Athletic Association at Krell's hall. Ticket, 50 cents.

December 6.—Masquerade ball of the Happy Farmer Club at Dinkelacker's hall, Butler valley. Tickets, 25 cents.

In Memoriam.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Mining and Mechanical Institute of Freeland, Pa., held on the twelfth day of November, 1902, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That with deep regret, we recognize that in the decease of Mr. Owen Fowler, our Institute has suffered the loss of an earnest and ready supporter; its board of directors, a companion and counselor; its students, a friend and public-spirited citizen.

Resolved, That his disinterested devotion to the best interests of the Institute command our sincere and lasting respect for his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased as an expression of our sympathy with them in their deep affliction. Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the papers of Freeland, Pa. William B. Fry, Harry E. Sweeney, Elliott A. Oberender, Committee.

Two Rutland Women.

Tell Stories that are Interesting to those Who Suffer.

Miss Nettie Fitzgerald, of Rutland, Vt., says: "My sickness began with a stomach and liver trouble, and then followed extreme nervousness and an affection of the kidneys, and I was confined to my bed in a helpless condition. My attending physician could not find any medicine to help me. At this crit-



ical moment Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy was brought to my notice. I procured a bottle, and it was just the right thing. I began to pick up in strength, and it made a perfectly well woman of me."

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