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SITUATION AT COXE'S MINES

Striking Employes Are Still Standing Unitedly.

Company Is Able to Partially Operate Only One Colliery. Rumors of Another Settlement Proposition.

On the surface there is no perceptible change in the strike at Coxe Bros. & Co.'s collieries, but there are rumors afloat that the corporation has under consideration another settlement proposition which it will soon present to the strikers. These rumors cannot be verified, however, but they come from the company's side and bear some marks of reliability.

The strikers are conducting themselves in a most creditable manner. The men who are working at Drifton, where Coxe Bros. & Co. have concentrated their entire force of non-union employes, are not molested in any way, the strikers even refusing to stoop to ask them to join their ranks.

The relief committees of the locals composed of Coxe's strikers have had their allotments of relief money trebled and many of the families of the strikers are faring better today than they ever did while working for the Drifton corporation. Return to work under existing conditions is not thought of.

On the part of the operators, Drifton is the only place where an effort has been made to resume. There men have been gathered from Eckley, Beaver Meadow, Onelda and the other towns controlled by the Coxes, and as a result of the combined work of the non-unionists and office-workers a train of coal varying from seven to eleven cars is daily shipped from Drifton breaker. This pitiable showing is the best that can be done, notwithstanding the fact that several thousands of tons are lying cut in strikers' breasts, from which the non-unionists are loading.

It is conceded by those in a position to know that the quantity of coal sent to market by Coxe Bros. & Co. is not sufficient to pay the expense of running Drifton colliery. However, as those in charge are known to be more stubborn than sensible, and since they do not pay the losses, there is not much hope of a change until the stockholders come to their senses and realize how their valuable property is being wrecked.

The Commission's Work.

President Mitchell, the first witness for the miners, who was on the stand Friday and Saturday, was again in the witness box today before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission. So far the attorney of only one company, David Wilcox, of the Delaware and Hudson, has cross-examined him. Wayne MacVeagh, who is representing the Pennsylvania Coal Company and the Hillside Coal and Iron Company, is still engaged in carrying on his examination.

It is not definitely known how many of the other companies desire to have their attorneys question the miners' president.

It is probable the witnesses for the mine workers will take up all of the week in giving their testimony. Next to Mr. Mitchell, the most important witness for the miners will probably be Thomas D. Nicholls, president of District No. 1.

The commissioners have not decided upon any future arrangements. It is likely that the entire case of the miners, which is now being presented to them, will be heard in Scranton, and it depends largely upon the wishes of the coal companies where the commission will hear the operators' side of the questions at issue. The commissioners are satisfied to hear both sides in Scranton.

Buried Saturday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Owen Fowler took place from the family residence on North Centre street Saturday afternoon. Previous to the religious services, which were conducted by Rev. F. Marshall, of

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

ESTATE OF ANNIE 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.
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.
Henry C. Stark.
Chas. Orion Stroh, Attorney.

St. James' P. E. chapel, the body was viewed by hundreds of the deceased's friends. The services were followed by singing by Arbutus Lodge octette, composed of Dr. W. H. Deardorff, W. R. Dunmoyer, Ben Reynolds, J. H. Trevas, George Ripple, Jonah Evans, Victor A. Oswald, Charles H. Wolfe and H. E. Sweeney.

The funeral cortege included Arbutus Lodge, F. & A. M., Hazleton Lodge of Elks, a delegation from Hazleton Typographical Union, a large number of relatives and friends from a distance and many hundreds of men and women, among whom were represented all the principal towns of the county. The pall-bearers were A. Oswald, George Sippel, Thomas Edmunds, John T. Miller, W. S. MacFarlane, George Christian, Jonah Evans and Reese Lloyd.

The funeral was in charge of Arbutus Lodge, and at the conclusion of Rev. Marshall's services at Freeland cemetery the Masonic rites were conducted by the officers.

The floral offerings were both handsome and numerous. The various organizations in which the dead publisher held membership were represented by beautiful designs and a large number of individuals gave evidence of their esteem by contributing.

Met Defeat at Hazleton.

The first foot ball game this season between Hazleton and Freeland clubs was played at Hazle park Saturday afternoon and resulted in a defeat for the local team, the Crescents falling to score, while their opponents made 12 points.

The game was warmly contested and was interesting from the beginning to the end. Both clubs gave exhibitions of scientific playing, but the Hazleton eleven was somewhat heavier and did better team work, and to this is attributed the defeat of the Freeland boys.

The line-up was as follows:
Hazleton. Positions. Crescents.
P. Fallon.....Left end.....Fultz
Turner.....Left tackle.....Cope
Sheridan.....Left guard.....Yannes
(Winters)
J. Fallon.....Centre.....Gallagher
Powell.....Right guard.....Baskin
Higman.....Right tackle.....Hartman
Gordon.....Right end.....Coll
Cannon.....Quarter-back.....Powell
Koerber.....Left half-back.....DeJohn
Barnhart.....Right half-back.....Hindson
Brady.....Full-back.....Stolz
Touchdowns—Koorber, 2. Goals from touchdowns—Cannon, 2. Referee—Boyle, Umpire—Doud. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Fast Drivers Arrested.

Thomas Smith and Robert Billman, two young men of town, were taken into custody by the police last night and locked up. They were arrested for fast driving. During their race up Centre street with Smith's double team the tongue of the carriage broke and the vehicle was badly damaged otherwise. When placed under arrest Smith acted very unruly and several bystanders assisted Policemen Welsh in taking him to jail. The prisoners were given a hearing this morning and were released upon payment of the \$5 fine imposed.

Smith was afterward arrested on a warrant sworn out before Squire Shovlin, in which he is charged by Policemen Welsh with threatening to kill the officer. He was held in \$1,000 bail for court.

Few Go to High School.

Statistics gathered by the United Mine Workers from the Schuylkill region for presentation to the arbitration commission show that only 4 per cent of the graduates of the county high schools are sons of miners. The wage rate shows on an average of \$355 per year for the mine workers, the wages of laborers being included with the miners in the calculation.

A strong protest will be made on behalf of the Schuylkill miners to the commissioners against the acceptance of the proposition of the Reading Company to base the rate of wages on the price of coal.

This was the system in vogue there before the strike of 1900, and to return to it would be very unsatisfactory to the miners.

Was Warmly Received.

Yesterday's Philadelphia North American contained the following in its labor news:

"William Jones, better known as 'Strong Boy' Jones, has been working lately in Williamsport, Pa., in the interest of the United Mine Workers and was warmly received by the various labor unions."

PLEASURE.

November 26.—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 Dinklaecker's hall, Butler valley. Tickets, 25 cents.

ROUND THE REGION.

Preston Clarke, a negro, employed on the stage of Wilkesbarre Grand opera house, was arrested for being drunk. Feeling the disgrace keenly he tried to hang himself by means of a handkerchief tied to the grating of his cell. Being cut down and restored to consciousness he attempted to choke himself with a belt. It was taken away from him in the nick of time.

W. N. Oswald and J. F. Mearhoff, who were arrested in Scranton, were taken before United States Commissioner C. F. Hill, Hazleton, and given a preliminary hearing on the charge of using the postoffice for the purpose of defrauding. They claimed to be in the fish and oyster business. In default of \$1,000 bail they were taken to Wilkesbarre jail.

Judge Rice is again seriously ill at the Presbyterian hospital in Philadelphia. Some days ago an operation for appendicitis was performed. While he stood the operation well symptoms of peritonitis set in and for a time created alarm, but this complication was also overcome. He was on the road to recovery when an affection of the heart developed.

The official returns of the recent election have all been received at the state department, and they show that a total of 1,094,814 votes were cast for the office of governor and that Judge Pennypacker's plurality is 142,340. Pattison ran 40,000 ahead of his colleagues. In round numbers the Prohibitionists polled 23,000 and the Socialists 22,000 votes.

Captain James M. Clark, chief of the State Bureau of Industrial Statistics, has certified to Attorney General Elkin the A. S. Van Winkle estate and A. Pardee & Co., of Hazleton, for their refusal to make report of their operations to the bureau for the past fiscal year. The penalty for failure to make such report is \$100.

As a result of being persecuted for taking sides against the mine workers' union during the recent strike Rev. H. H. Kinney was compelled to resign the pastorate of the M. E. church at Gilberton. During the strike he advised the men to go back to work. Mr. Kinney has succeeded in securing a charge in California.

In connection with the celebration of the seventh anniversary of Zion United Evangelical church at Hazleton yesterday, Bishop W. M. Stanford, of Harrisburg, preached and all the old mortgages on the church property were burned. About \$800 was raised toward the liquidation of the church debt.

The Washington hotel at Hazleton, conducted by F. H. Scott, was closed Saturday morning by Sheriff Jacobs to satisfy a rent claim of four months due Mrs. Henry Ifert, the owner of the building. There are several other claims by different parties against Mr. Scott which have not as yet been presented.

"Salem" Dougherty, a resident of Minesville, and one of the most widely known men in the region, was struck by a Lehigh Valley train Saturday and seriously injured. He was thrown some distance, sustaining internal injuries which will confine him to the Miners hospital for some time.

The hearing in the matter of a change of venue for the trial of McElmoyle and Ronemus, charged with the murder of Patrick Sharpe, a striker, at Nesquehoning, has been postponed for final disposition until Friday. The defendants do not want to face a Carbon county jury.

The fact that he is but 17 years old saved John Meyers, of Ashland, from the gallows. He was sentenced Saturday by Judge Shay to fourteen years in the penitentiary. Myers shot and killed Abraham Llewellyn, a striker.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merkt's.

Guilty of Boycotting.

John J. Hudock, Stephen Drosick, Edward Malloy and John Ernst, of Shepton, plead guilty in the Schuylkill county court on Saturday before Judge Shay to six charges of conspiracy preferred by Thomas McNamara, William Kleckner, Adam Ringlaben, Daniel Kennedy, Arthur Donohoe and Clarence A. Hunter, business men residing in and around Shepton. The information charged the defendants with having conspired to boycott their places of business because they sold their merchandise to non-union workmen.

Judge Shay directed the defendants to pay the costs and to give bond in the sum of \$200 each, in their own recognizance, to keep the peace for one year.

BIRTHS.

Brobst.—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brobst, South Ridge street, a son.

Woodring.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodring, Front street, a son.

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.

James W. Bohlin, of town, through his attorney, Daniel Kline, has filed a suit in trespass against John Raube, and asks for \$1,500 damages. The plaintiff in his statement alleges that the defendant entered upon his land in Butler valley and cut trees which he sold and converted the proceeds, about \$500, to his own use.

Michael Gallagher and William Probert, of Hazle Brook, were placed on trial in court on Saturday, charged by John Weber with making threats. The case was one of those growing out of the strike. After hearing some of the testimony Judge Lynch dismissed the case.

The winter schedule of the Lehigh Valley Railroad went into effect yesterday. The local changes are very few. The train which departed at 11.45 for Philadelphia and New York now leaves at 11.32 and the Wilkesbarre evening train is changed from 6.35 to 6.33.

The recent annual convention of the State Firemen's Association, held at Bradford, exonerated all the fire companies in the anthracite region from payment of the assessment due the state association because of the strike.

The action of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in increasing the wages by 10 per cent of all employes who receive less than \$200 a month, is expected to be followed this week by all the other railroads of the East.

Mrs. William Fell, of North Centre street, who went to St. Joseph's hospital, Philadelphia, for treatment last week, is seriously ill at the institution. Her husband was summoned to Philadelphia on Saturday.

For Sale.—Two horses, one bay and one gray. Can be seen at George Hudock's hotel, Main street.

While a Lehigh Valley crew was taking a train of coal from Jeddo colliery Saturday night one of the cars became derailed on a frog. It was necessary to send to Hazleton for a wreck crew, who replaced it.

The second of the M. & M. Institute's course of entertainments will be given at the Grand opera house Saturday evening, when Marion Wilson will present her famous costumed impersonations.

Among this week's jurors at Wilkesbarre are John Molk, Charles Shovlin and W. H. Brown, Freeland, and Anthony McGill, Thomas Comfort, John Walton and Francis Ward, Foster.

A member of the United States Secret Service Bureau is in Drifton today. He is making a tour of the region for the purpose of securing certain information for the strike arbitrators.

The half hour schedule prevalent on the Lehigh Traction line prior to the strike, was restored on Saturday and will be continued providing the traffic warrants it.

Mrs. Patrick Gallagher, of South Centre street, returned on Saturday from the Miners' hospital, where she was successfully treated for an ailment.

H. A. McMenamin, who for the past five months has been employed in the Eastern cities, returned home Saturday evening.

Andrew Bechtloff and family will remove tomorrow from Chestnut street to the Krommes building, in the Second ward.

Miss Grace McCole, of South Ridge street, left on Saturday for New York city, where she will reside for the future.

Charles Washburn, of Wilkesbarre, and Miss Mary Johnson, of Walnut street, will be married on the 26th inst.

A buck deer, weighing 170 pounds, was shot last week in Butler valley by Charles Reilly and George Heiney.

William Lawlor, who holds a responsible position in New York city, is visiting his mother here.

Miss Bella Welsh, of Drifton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Stranis, at Catawissa.

It is said that a bear has been seen in the woods between Hazle Brook and Stockton.

The Week of Prayer, under the Y. M. C. A. auspices, will be continued this week.

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