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COMMISSIONERS ARE DISPLEASED

Corporation Lawyers Wasting Too Much Time.

Strike Arbitrators Not Satisfied With the Manner in Which Operators' Counsel Is Delaying Investigation.

From Scranton comes an authenticated announcement that the members of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission are becoming alarmed at the policy that is being pursued at the investigation hearings by the attorneys of the coal roads. The plan of the operators' lawyers is apparently to lengthen the investigation to a point unthought of, by the introduction of a mass of irrelevant testimony. It is said that the commissioners are anxious to have every point, even the smallest detail, of the controversy fully ventilated, but they do not approve and will soon call a halt upon the waste of time occasioned by each lawyer following the others over ground already fully covered.

The investigation is dragging too slowly to suit the commissioners, and it is likely the commission will ask both sides to agree to some arrangement for expediting the investigation. Mr. Mitchell has now been on the stand for five days and thus far only his attorney, C. S. Darrow, and David Wilcox, for the Delaware and Hudson; Wayne MacVeagh, for the Erie; Francis I. Gowen, for the Lehigh Valley, and W. W. Ross, for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, have examined the miners' president.

Mr. MacVeagh, who began his cross-examination of Mr. Mitchell on Saturday, concluded at 11 o'clock yesterday. His principal aim throughout his questioning was to show that the Mine Workers' Union, because of alleged acts of intimidation, violence and the use of the boycott by its members, proved itself unfit to be a party to a contract. Mr. Mitchell would not admit, nor even assume for the sake of illustrating a point, that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite fields during the last six months.

The recognition of the union is looked upon as the most important question before the commission, and it is quite evident from the trend of the proceedings thus far that the companies will oppose it to their utmost ability.

As soon as Mr. MacVeagh had finished, Judge Gray announced that the commission did not wish to limit the liberty of any one appearing as representing others, but they believed they had obtained as much information as they are likely to get on the subjects touched upon.

Judge Gray announced that if there was any new line of examination the commission would not object to hearing the testimony.

Former Congressman Simon P. Wolverton, representing the Reading Company, informed the commission that future examinations would be very brief. Mr. Gowen and Mr. Ross questioned Mr. Mitchell principally regarding conditions existing at the collieries of the companies they represent. These questions were more or less technical. Mr. Mitchell's answers, as a rule, differed very little from the reasons given in his preliminary statement to the commission for improved conditions for the mine workers.

Interest in the proceedings is not waning. The large crowds which were wedged in the courtroom in the opening days of the hearing are yet in evidence. The cross-examination of Mr. Mitchell was resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

NON-UNION MINERS' PLEA.
The non-union mine workers, through their attorneys, John T. Lenahan and Joseph O'Brien, have filed the statement of their case with the commissioners. It is said the non-union miners seeking recognition before the commission number 2,000. The demand in part is as follows:

First—For an increase of 20 per cent upon the price paid during the year 1901, to employes performing contract and piece work.

Second—For a like increase of 20 per cent upon the price paid during the year 1901, to employes paid by the hour, day or week.

Continuing, the statement says that instead of desiring a reduction in the hours of employment, "we insist upon a

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right to work as many hours as we choose, and as opportunity affords, so as to better our condition and increase our earning capacity."

They ask a minimum of 60 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds upon all coal mined and sold; protest against any agreement with the United Mine Workers as to wages or conditions at the mines, and say that they, the petitioners, cannot earn a living if such agreement shall be entered into, and that favoritism and boycotts would ensue.

Local Strikes May End.

The committee of twelve, which has been authorized to represent the striking employes of Cox Bros. & Co. in the negotiations for a settlement with the company, held another conference yesterday with Superintendent L. C. Smith at Drifton. It is understood that the object of the meeting was the company officials' desire to secure from the committee the minimum demands of the strikers. The committee gave these to the superintendent and they have been forwarded to President Stearns and other interested parties and a reply to the same has been promised not later than this evening.

This reply, whether favorable or unfavorable, will not be made public until it has been passed upon by the officers of District 7, U. M. W.

It is no longer a secret that the Drifton corporation is tiring of the heavy expense to which it is put by the ill-advised stand of the local clique, and that the president and stockholders of the company are not the only ones who are anxious for a settlement is abundantly proven by recent actions. Rumors that some high in authority at present will be requested to step down and out as a result of their incompetency to deal with the situation may account for the change that is steadily developing on the part of the local overseers.

Frank Pardee, superintendent of the Pardee collieries which are idle because of the refusal of the employes to resume on unreasonable conditions, yesterday submitted to a committee of the strikers a modified proposition of the firm's demands. The new proposition has been forwarded to National President Mitchell, and upon his reply will depend the future course of the strikers.

Treated at White Haven.

John (Grecian) Gallagher, a former resident of Drifton, where he lost a leg eighteen years ago, was discharged this morning from White Haven sanitarium, where he received treatment during the past three months for lung trouble. Mr. Gallagher, whose home is now in Mt. Carmel, gained twenty pounds as a result of his stay at the sanitarium and is greatly improved in health.

After leaving the institution he departed for Hazleton to enter the Miners hospital for the purpose of undergoing an operation which the physicians expect will relieve him of discomfort caused by the crippled limb.

The patient has a large acquaintance in this section.

Orphans' Court Sale.

By order of the orphans' court the real estate of the late Jonathan Roberts, located on Birkbeck street, will be disposed of at public sale tomorrow at 10 a. m. on the premises. The sale includes a plot of ground, 46x128½ feet, improved with a two and one-half story double dwelling, barn and outbuilding. The property is desirably situated and is in good condition and will likely attract several real estate investors. The terms are \$250 cash and the balance on delivery of the deed.

S. S. Superintendents.

The officers of the Luzerne County Sunday School Association desire a list of all the Evangelical Sunday schools in the county, and also the name and post-office address of the superintendent of each school. Pastors and superintendents under whose eye this notice may come are requested to forward this information at once on a postal card to Garrett Smith, secretary, Simon Long building, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Fred S. H. Grant, of Wilkesbarre, has petitioned the court for the possession of his two children, living with their mother. Grant has had a strenuous time the past year. Last winter he received a box of poisoned candy through the mails. Two months ago he was driving on the mountain, when he was shot from ambush and slightly wounded.

The second day of the trial of Ignatz Shukis, charged with the murder of Daniel Sweeney, a mine watchman, who was killed last August, ended yesterday with the accused on the stand. Shukis swore that he knew nothing about the murder. The case will go to the jury today.

POLITICAL PLUMS.

Commissioners-Elect Are Selecting the Clerks for Their Office.

The apportionment of the spoils of the recent election is still the all-absorbing topic in the camp of the county Democracy. All day yesterday the corridors of the court house were filled with place hunters with and without influence. They were attracted by a report that County Commissioners Finn and Schappert, who will control the affairs of the commissioners' office after the first of January, would meet and make a desperate effort to agree on a few of the more important appointments at their disposal. From what can be learned the meeting was held and considerable progress was made, considering the delicate nature of the job on hand.

The Record reporter learned that more than half the selections have been made. As was stated a few days ago, James Holman will be the chief deputy in the commissioners' office. Thomas R. Peters, the present chief clerk, will not be displaced altogether. It is understood he will be appointed to third place.

The second place will be given to William Davanney in recognition of the services he rendered the party during the past two campaigns. The position is worth \$1,500 per year. Last year his friends expected that he would secure a place in the sheriff's office, but they were doomed to disappointment when Sheriff Jacobs made known his selections.

There are three places in the commissioners' office that are worth \$1,200 a year, they being now filled by Elmer Carpenter, J. B. Laubach and William Jones. These places will be given to John M. Mack, of Luzerne Borough, who is at present employed in the commissioners' office; George W. Schappert, a son of County Commissioner Schappert, and Richard B. Brundage, a son of Asa R. Brundage, who made the forcible nomination speech for Mr. Schappert in the convention.

Messrs. Brundage, Schappert and Peters are looked upon as selections by Mr. Schappert, Davanney is regarded as a Finn selection, while Holman and Mack are believed to be the choice of both commissioners. Among the others who stand a good chance of having the plum tree shaken for them are John McNells, of Freeland, who, it is understood, is backed by Mr. Schappert, and John Gilligan and John Finn, who are the choice of Commissioner Finn. Mr. Finn, who is a brother of Commissioner Finn, is booked for the janitorship of the court house. Mr. Gilligan is booked for a clerkship. For night watchman there are several applicants, but from what can be learned a German Democrat will receive the place.

There are about seven more clerkships in the transcribing department of the office to be disposed of, but there is no scarcity of applicants for them. Among those mentioned in connection with the remaining clerkships are William Raeder, of Wilkesbarre, and William Loughrey and John Dwyer, of Plymouth.

The county solicitorship fight has simmered down to a contest between Charles B. Lenahan and William J. Goeckel. Mr. Lenahan is a brother of John T. Lenahan, and Mr. Goeckel is chairman of the Democratic committee of the First district and has always been a loyal adherent of Mr. Lenahan. It gives promise of becoming an embarrassing contest to settle. The indications are that Mr. Lenahan will in the end win, though there is no certainty about this.

ROUND THE REGION.

At a meeting of the union men employed by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, the reply of Superintendent Zehner to their demand that all men who had been in the employ of the company prior to the strike be reinstated was read. The company offers to take back all its old employes except those whom it had reason to believe had been guilty of riot, disorder or boycott, or who have otherwise proven themselves to be enemies of the company. After hearing the communication the men voted not to strike.

George W. Brown, of Uniontown, has petitioned Governor Stone for his discharge from the National Guard, because of action of union labor boycotting men who served in the anthracite region during the late strike. Brown was employed in a brewery and after his return from Shamokin the union expelled him and the brewery discharged him. The union said if he would leave the militia they would reinstate him.

Bryan Cummings, one of a gang of burglars who on July 11, 1901, broke into the hotel of Peter Hoke, in a suburb of Pottsville, was found guilty yesterday. Judge Shay sentenced Cummings to nine years imprisonment.

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.

Miners and other wage-workers will appreciate the thoughtfulness of business people who place their bargains and sales of seasonable goods in the local papers. Buyers want to make their earnings go as far as possible this fall, and the merchants who advertise in the proper way and in a paper read by the workers, such as the Tribune, will get the bulk of the season's business.

The water in No. 5 mine of Markle & Co. is still very high at the bottom of the main slope and work will not be resumed before Friday. Several parts of the colliery are dry and the miners are cutting coal, but the water at the foot of the slope prevents the loaded cars from reaching the breaker.

John Shovlin and Daniel Gross, residents of Sandy Run for many years, removed from that town this week, the former to Wilburton, Columbia county, and the latter to Shenandoah. William McClellan has also removed from Sandy Run to Birkbeck street.

A carload of tobacco has been received by the officers of District 7, U. M. W. of A., for the use of the miners of this region who were on strike. The tobacco is a gift from a Baltimore firm engaged in that business.

The charge of Policeman Patrick Welsh against Thomas Smith, which grew out of the arrest of the latter Sunday evening, has been withdrawn. Smith was released from custody yesterday.

Arrangements were completed last night for a game of football on Saturday between Hazleton and the Good Will team. The contest will take place at Hazleton.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallagher, aged 3 months, was buried this afternoon at St. Ann's cemetery from the family residence at Drifton.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merk's.

Harry Eroh, who has accepted a position in Cox Bros. & Co.'s general office, will remove from Hazleton to Drifton this week.

Y. M. C. A. prayer services will be conducted this evening by Secretary Thomas Thorburn at the Park M. E. church.

The Mining and Mechanical Institute entertainment will be held on Saturday evening at the Grand opera house.

Julius Krause, of town, was admitted to the Miners hospital yesterday and will undergo an operation today.

The Good Will Athletic Association is making preparation for their annual entertainment during the holidays.

Bank Examiner Patterson, of Philadelphia, examined the accounts of the First National this week.

A horse owned by Milkman Oscar Cook died from colic last night at his home in Butler valley.

Holiday goods are making their appearance in the show windows of the local merchants.

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

At Allentown yesterday Wilson H. Fried, who sued John Jones for slander, claiming \$1,000 damages, was awarded 6 cents by the jury. Fried said Jones called him a chicken thief.

The 250 miners who went on strike at Royal Oak colliery, Shamokin, last Saturday, believing they had not been granted the 10 per cent increase of 1900, have returned to work, as the increase had been conceded.

In a hotel at Tamaqua which was occupied until a few days ago by J. C. Parnell, of Harrisburg, and William Day, of Steelton, a portion of a counterfeiter's outfit was found. Detectives say that the two men are a part of a gang of six who have been flooding the state with counterfeit fifty-cent pieces and dollars during the past few months. Day has been captured.

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November 22.—Hop of the Bashtul Five, of Freeland, at Dinkelacker's hall, Butler valley. Tickets, 15 cents.
December 6.—Masquerade ball of the Happy Farmer Club at Dinkelacker's hall, Butler valley. Tickets, 25 cents.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desires to convey to the friends, neighbors and acquaintances of the late Mrs. Charles Goersch his sincere thanks for the many courtesies and favors extended during the illness and at the funeral of the deceased. Charles Goersch.

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