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COXE'S OFFER IS REJECTED

Drifton Strikers Refuse the Company's Terms.

Proposition to Resume Work Includes the Names of Over 400 Persons Who Will Not Be Reinstated.

At a meeting of the Drifton employes of Coxe Bros. & Co., held yesterday afternoon at the Grand opera house, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the members of Local Union No. 1519, U. M. W. of A., composed entirely of Coxe Bros. & Co.'s employes of the Drifton collieries, Nos. 1 and 2, do solemnly pledge ourselves, both separately and collectively, to refuse the answer to our liberal request, and further promise not to return to work until all employes of Coxe Bros. & Co., Incorporated, and the D. S. & S. Railroad, return with us, unless ordered to do so by our national or district president."

The meeting was the first of a series which will be held by the union employes of Coxe Bros. & Co. for the purpose of taking action on the reply of the company to a proposition for settlement made early this week by the conference committee.

John J. Gillespie, president of Drifton local, called the meeting to order, after which the answer of Superintendent Smith was read. A discussion, the trend of which was wholly against accepting the terms offered, followed, and was participated in by Vice President Andrew Matti and Board Member William Detrey, of District 7, both of whom are employes of the Drifton company.

At the conclusion of the discussion the above resolution was presented and was adopted without a dissenting voice or vote, notwithstanding the fact that the meeting was attended by almost every union man on strike at the collieries represented by the local. The determined stand of the strikers was never shown to better advantage than when this vote was taken, as the decision was arrived at after an earnest plea had been made for every man to vote as his conscience dictated.

The reply consists of several typewritten documents, containing answers to General Superintendent Smith from Superintendents Kudlich, Rohlands and Pennington. Mr. Kudlich, in giving to Mr. Smith the names of the men whom he will not re-employ, states that such action is taken "on account of being advised by you that charges are pending against them." Mr. Rohlands refers to those whom he will not re-employ as "men who should not be re-employed under any circumstances." Mr. Pennington's list is headed as men whom "I cannot place in their former positions, but can give them a chance later on, except one, who should not be re-employed."

The company's reply shows that in Edgar Kudlich's mining department the following number of men will not be re-employed: For charges pending, Drifton, 3; Derringer, 14; Gowen, 1; Oneida, 5. Agitators and disturbers, Eckley, 2; Derringer, 1; Oneida, 2. Account of cave-in or floods, Drifton, 4; Eckley, 17. Not until December 1, Stockton, 16; Beaver Meadow, 33. Places filled, Gowen, 1. Total, 99.

In John Rohlands' outside and preparation departments the following number will not be re-employed: Under indictment, Drifton, 1; Derringer, 3; Oneida, 2. Account of new machinery and curtailing force at breakers, Drifton, 82; Eckley, 28; Beaver Meadow, 40; Derringer, 80; Oneida, 59. Places filled at breakers, Drifton, 9; Beaver Meadow, 1. Steam men and others whose places are filled, Drifton, 22; Beaver Meadow, 1; Oneida, 7; Derringer and Gowen, 5. Troublemakers during the strike, Derringer breaker, 1. Total, 341.

In J. H. Pennington's motive power department the following number will not be re-employed: Drifton, 2; Beaver Meadow, 1; Oneida, 1; Derringer, 2; Gowen, 1. Total, 7.

Total of all departments, 447. The practical discharge of 447 employes, of whom 341 are from the outside and preparation departments, over which John Rohlands presides, should not pass unnoticed by those who are following the line of action that is being

pursued by Coxe Bros. & Co. Superintendent Rohlands' barefaced discrimination, committed under the guise of improved machinery and the curtailing of the force, both of which are contemptible subterfuges, is an act which only a coward would stoop to perform, and the unanimous rejection by the strikers of the wholesale cleaning out which Rohlands has attempted is a credit to the body of men who have now been out of work for twenty-eight weeks.

Coxe Bros. & Co. deserve no partiality at the hands of the union, and to permit them to victimize over one-fifth of the number of persons who struck last May would be granting them a favor not accorded to any other corporation or firm in the anthracite region. If the company persists in upholding men like Rohlands, whose work in this affair can be proven to be based in many cases on personal and social grounds, the officials and stockholders will alone be responsible for the wrecking of a magnificent property.

It is Coxe Bros. & Co.'s business only if they approve the discrimination on the one hand and the favoritism on the other practised by Rohlands, but the United Mine Workers of America will make it their business to see that the Drifton company, which stands alone today in refusing to settle on the terms presented by President Roosevelt, will become miners and shippers of coal in name only.

Those who think that the union has played its last card in dealing with this clique-ridden company will find themselves possessed of mistaken opinions. The miners have forced the superintendents to show their hands, and the battle is now on in earnest. Future developments will make interesting reading.

SETTLEMENT WITH PARDEE.

The strike at the collieries of A. Pardee & Co. came to an end Wednesday evening, the new proposition offered by the firm having been accepted by the striking employes. The firm has agreed to reinstate without question all but three employes and to abide by the findings of the arbitration commission. The men, on their part, agreed in a body to not interfere with or molest non-unionists and to abide by the commission's decision. The three men who will not be reinstated are Lewis Jones, Lewis Sherner and Henry Sherner. They are charged by the firm with having interfered with men who worked during the strike. It is understood, however, that they will be given employment later.

Verdict Evokes Cheers.

Joseph Palewicz, the Shenandoah butcher who was on trial at Pottsville for two weeks for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Joseph Beddall in the Shenandoah riot on July 31, was acquitted last evening. The courtroom was crowded with spectators, who cheered when the verdict was announced. Men and women scrambled over chairs and desks to congratulate Palewicz and his attorneys.

Judge Marr sentenced one of the noisy spectators to jail for two days for contempt of court.

The riot in which Beddall was killed occurred in the business part of Shenandoah and resulted in the ordering out of state troops. Beddall was a merchant and a cousin of Sheriff S. R. Beddall, of Schuylkill county. Several arrests were made and Palewicz was charged with the murder.

New Suit Not Wanted.

"I've cost this county a lot already, and good hemp comes high, so you had better forget about the new suit business. I'll march out in my old rusties, feeling happy as possible under the circumstances." With this philosophical and considerate remark, Charles Grether settled back upon his bunk in Monroe county jail and proceeded to play a spirited tattoo on his tinsnap.

The county commissioners had just met to discuss the feasibility of purchasing a new suit for Grether, who is soon to be hanged for the murder of Adam Strunk.

The prisoner had no sooner been told that the purchase of the finery had been authorized than he delivered himself of the quoted words.

Roberts Property Sold.

The real estate of the late Jonathan Roberts, consisting of a lot, a double dwelling and a barn on Birkbeck street, was sold at public sale yesterday, in pursuance of an order from the orphans' court. The property was purchased by Attorney R. J. O'Donnell, on behalf of Timothy Riley, of Walnut street, for \$1,830.

There were five bidders for the lot and dwelling and the first offer was \$1,000. From this the figures climbed upward rapidly until the last amount offered by Attorney O'Donnell was reached, when all other prospective purchasers dropped out of the contest.

BREVITIES.

Alfred Walter, who in July, 1897, resigned the presidency of the D. S. & S. Railroad Company and the other Coxe corporations to accept a similar position with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, surprised the board of directors and stockholders on Wednesday by tendering his resignation, which was accepted.

Jacob McAndrew, of West Hazleton, has started an action for criminal libel against Dr. C. R. Johns. The charge is the outcome of an article which appeared in a Hazleton paper in which Dr. Johns connects the plaintiff with a child found on Gravel Run road on November 8. Johns has been placed under \$500 bail.

James Rhoades, of West Pittston, a brakeman on the Lehigh Valley freight train, had his foot caught in a frog in Lehigh yards during Wednesday night and was unable to extricate himself. An engine came along and crushed out his life. The man was 24 years of age and been married four weeks.

Ignatz Shukis, one of the five men indicted for the murder of Daniel Sweeney, of Nanticoke, was acquitted after a three days' trial. Sweeney was murdered while going to work. Five men were arrested for the crime, and two of them pleaded guilty and are now waiting the sentence of the court.

The will of Henry Gilmore, of Butler township, has been filed. He leaves all his real, personal and mixed property to his wife, Mary Gilmore, for her use during her life and at her death all the property that shall remain shall then go to his son, William J.

Miss Katie Lesser, of Upper Lehigh, who is stationed in Wilkesbarre City hospital, has been promoted to the position of night superintendent at that institution. Miss Lesser recently graduated as a trained nurse.

A recommendation for pardon was granted yesterday by the State Board of Pardons to ex-Representative James R. Griner, of Wilkesbarre, who is serving a sentence for manslaughter in the Eastern penitentiary.

Lord Golden II and Lord Brilliant, owned by Dr. Wentz, of Scranton, formerly of Drifton, won the first prize of \$200 this week at the Madison Square Garden horse show for the pair driven tandem in harness.

At a meeting of County Commissioners Finn, Hay and Jones, held this week, P. M. Gilligan, of Wilkesbarre, was chosen to fill the position of mercantile appraiser for the coming year.

The White Haven Ice Company is considering the advisability of building a \$100,000 summer resort hotel at White Haven.

John E. Lentz, a prominent shoe manufacturer of Allentown, is dead.

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

Health of Mine Workers.

Three physicians who have practiced in Scranton or Wilkesbarre took the stand for the miners yesterday before the arbitration commission and in substance testified that the occupation of a mine worker was "very unhealthful" and shortened his life. One physician, Dr. Frank P. Lenahan, of Wilkesbarre, who says he has had a long experience among mine workers, testified that fully 95 per cent of the men who work in the mines are anaemic. Their health is impoverished and their general condition is below par, thus decreasing their earning powers.

The principal illnesses suffered by the miners, the physician said, were the miners' asthma, rheumatism, lumbago and sciatica. The miners' asthma comes from coal dust, powder smoke and vitiated air.

Dr. John O'Malley, of Scranton, said that at post-mortems he had seen miners' lungs as black as anthracite itself, and Dr. Lenahan testified he had personal knowledge of a man coughing up coal dust nine years after he left the mines. He said he had information that a man had coughed up coal dust fifteen years after he had left the mines.

It was also stated that 90 per cent of miners who reach the age of fifty years are afflicted with some form of rheumatism.

The cross-examination of the Rev. Peter Roberts, of Mahanoy City, who has studied the anthracite coal industry and written a book on the subject, ended yesterday. Copious extracts from his book were read and placed on record.

The interest in the commissioners and their investigation has not decreased. Each session of the commission finds the hearing room jammed with interested persons. The commissioners continue to hold daily conferences, but what is discussed is as a rule strictly withheld from the public.

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.

A paper written by Dr. H. M. Neale, of Upper Lehigh, on pneumonia symptoms, was read at the monthly meeting of the Luzerne County Medical Society, at Wilkesbarre, Wednesday evening. The views taken by Dr. Neale on the subject were discussed at length by the many physicians in attendance.

On Wednesday evening of next week, which is Thanksgiving Eve, the Crescent Athletic Association will be pleased to meet all its friends at Krell's hall, where the members will hold the first ball of the season. Music will be furnished by DePierro's complete orchestra. Now that practically all the coal roads have been heard from regarding the 10 per cent advance in wages for their employes, the D. S. & S. trainmen and trackmen are waiting for a similar notice from the Drifton corporation.

Photographer R. H. Herbst received a telegram yesterday from President John Mitchell, requesting him to go to Scranton for the purpose of giving testimony before the Coal Strike Commission. Mr. Herbst left for Scranton today.

Poor Director Lebl yesterday arranged to send Frank Ray, son of William Ray, of Jeddo, to the asylum at Laurytown. The young man is slightly demented and was removed to the institution today.

George C. Farrar, principal of the Eckley B. Coxe school, has been unable to teach several days this week, owing to illness. His position has been filled by the substitute teacher, Jerry McGinley.

Bishop Ethelbert Talbot will conduct the Sunday morning services at St. James' P. E. church, Drifton, and in the evening he will officiate at St. James' chapel, Freeland.

The foot ball game arranged to take place tomorrow between Hazleton and Good Will teams has been cancelled. The clubs are expected to meet later in the season.

Tomorrow evening Miss Marion Wilson will present her costumed impersonations at the Grand opera house, under the auspices of the Mining and Mechanical Institute.

A half-barrel of beer fell yesterday upon the foot of Eugene West, one of the drivers for the local brewery, and smashed one of his toes.

Rev. Father Suchowski, of Ashley, has been assigned as pastor to St. Kasimer's Polish Catholic church, Ridge street, and will read his first mass here on Sunday.

Christ Neuman, of Hazleton, has accepted a position as operator on the D. S. & S., and has been assigned to the office near Lumber Yard.

Peter Gerome, employed in Drifton mine, is suffering from three broken ribs received by being crushed between cars Wednesday evening.

The will of the late Owen Fowler, of Freeland, was filed for probate yesterday. It was drawn up in June, 1888, by the late John D. Hayes, Esq.

Louis Dinn, of town, has been formally discharged by the court for his alleged connection with the Chora murder case.

John James, who until recently was engaged in newspaper work, has accepted a position in the overall factory.

John Boyd, who has been employed at Easton for some time, returned home last evening ill with malaria.

Mrs. John Glenn, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Duffy, Upper Lehigh.

No. 5 breaker, Jeddo, resumed operations today and the first coal was taken from the mine since May 10.

Mrs. Woodside, of Lykens, Dauphin county, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Oberender.

William Gross, an aged resident of Sandy Run, has been removed to Laurytown almshouse.

James Reed and family are removing today from Scranton to Ridge street, near Front.

William Fritzingler and family have removed from Coxe addition to Drifton.

Miss Sarah Burns, of Jeddo, has gone New York city, to spend the winter. Ice cream—all flavors—at Merkt's.

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The week of prayer service under the auspices of the association will close this evening at the Presbyterian church. Secretary Vannauker will attend the district convention at Schuylkill Haven tomorrow and Sunday.
Men's meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Will Continue the Business.

In today's issue of the Progress Mrs. Nettie S. Fowler, widow of the late publisher, makes the announcement that the paper will be continued under her management and on the same lines as were followed by its founder. The newspaper publishers of the region will extend a cordial welcome to Mrs. Fowler as a member of the profession and wish her as much success as was enjoyed by her late husband.

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