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## COXE BROS. & CO.'S EMPLOYEES REJECT NEW PROPOSITION

### Striking Mine Workers' Committee Turn Down Another Unfair Plan of Settlement.

### Drifton Company's Latest Offer Is to Reinstate All Persons Displaced by Machinery or Other Men, But Proposes an Outrageously Unjust Division of the Work. Strike Is Still On and Miners Are Determined to Win.

"We will feed Coxe Bros. & Co.'s employes for five years on the best in the land before we will sanction a settlement on the terms proposed."—  
John Mitchell, National President of the United Mine Workers of America.

The latest proposition made by Coxe Bros. & Co. to their striking employes was officially rejected this afternoon.

The substance of the proposition which today met the fate of its predecessors was: "I will employ all men who are mentioned as being displaced (by machinery, and by men actually employed,) and will divide the work in their line between them."

This is signed by Superintendent L. C. Smith and was given to the striking employes' committee on Friday.

At a meeting of the committee on Saturday the ambiguous wording of the proposition was the subject of much discussion, and a sub-committee was chosen to call upon the superintendent to ascertain exactly what was meant.

The sub-committee performed its duty at 8 o'clock this morning. The phrase relating to the division of work was explained by Mr. Smith to mean that the strikers will not divide the work at the collieries with those who are now filling their positions, but with each other only at positions in their line not now filled by a workman.

To illustrate this more clearly the case of the twenty-two blacklisted steam men at Drifton may be taken. Their positions are filled by probably eighteen non-unionists. The twenty-two strikers will be re-employed and each on his turn will work at one of the four unfilled positions. This would give each striking steam man at Drifton three to four days work a month, while the non-unionist will continue to have steady employment.

The cases of employes in other departments would be, according to the proposition, disposed of in a similar manner.

All strikers who have not been displaced by machinery or whose positions have not been filled, but who are on the discharged list because of their alleged connection with disorder or agitation, are not to be reinstated.

When the sub-committee made its report this afternoon of the conference with Mr. Smith, the general committee representing the employes unanimously rejected the proposition and decided to continue the strike.

So far as could be learned from the strikers the action of the committee in rejecting such an unfair plan of settlement meets with the general approval of the men, and there is no longer any doubt but that Coxe Bros. & Co.'s collieries will remain idle until the officials prepare and offer a reasonable proposition.

Drifton company's strikers are anxious to bring about a settlement of their differences with their employers, but they are more anxious that any settlement to which they are a party shall be fair and just and devoid of phrases which can be afterward used to nullify the seeming fairness of the plan.

Negotiations have now reached a stage where brains are needed on the company's side. If the officials in charge have not the ability to grapple with the situation they should step aside, temporarily at least, and give the power to adjust the dispute to men who are not prejudiced against those with whom they must deal.

A move in the right direction now means peace, a misstep means war, and if the latter must come the strikers will not be the first to cry for quarter.

## COMPROMISE PLAN.

### Miners and Operators Likely to Agree Upon Terms of Settlement.

The Anthracite Coal Strike Commission adjourned on Saturday until December 3, and it is the expectation that when the arbitrators again meet an agreement will have been reached for submission to and approval of the commissioners. Attorneys on both sides predict that the commissioners will make only one more trip to Scranton.

Wayne MacVeagh, whose visit to J. Pierpont Morgan in New York had so much to do with the commission's subsequent important proposal, said that all the presidents of the coal companies who had signed the letter suggesting the appointment of the commission had approved the general outlines of the plan of settlement, leaving details of all kinds for future adjustment.

Mr. MacVeagh added that he could not doubt that agreements satisfactory to both parties would soon be reached, and if so the credit of the settlement would be due to the conciliatory attitude of the presidents of the coal companies, as well as of Mr. Mitchell and his counsel, Mr. Darrow and Mr. Lloyd.

The original suggestion of a friendly conference, Mr. MacVeagh said, came from Judge Gray, speaking for the whole commission.

Before the arbitrators adjourned a sub or "conciliation" committee was appointed in order that the wishes of the commission may be officially voiced with regard to any matter that might arise in the interval. The commissioners want it understood that whatever is agreed to must have their full approval.

In connection with the committee, which is made up of Commissioners Watkins, Parker and Clark, the commission Saturday afternoon called into conference as many attorneys representing all the parties as could be gathered on short notice, and stated to them its attitude.

The proposition was made on a compromise basis and negotiations, it is expected, will at once be entered upon, with a reasonable hope of a settlement with the aid of the arbitrators. The rough proposition, which is to form the basis of negotiations, is a 10 per cent increase in wages, a nine hour day, and trade agreements between the miners and the companies by whom they are employed. The only one of the four demands not touched upon is that of the weighing of coal by the legal ton.

While both sides have expressed the willingness to settle their differences among themselves, it is not to be construed that it carries with it the acceptance of the terms proposed. They are mentioned only as a basis, it is understood, from which a settlement is to be effected. It is possible that the foundation already laid can be wrecked by either party holding out too strongly against some question.

From New York comes a report that the latest proposition to settle the strike outside of the commission was the direct result of the ousting of Alfred Walter as president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

It is said that Mr. Walter would have told plain truths on the witness stand that might have seriously embarrassed the operators. Mr. Walter refuses to discuss this report.

## New Road's First Car.

The first car for use on the Wilkesbarre and Hazleton Railway has arrived and is attracting much attention. It is 45 feet long and is divided into two sections, one for baggage, the other for passengers. The baggage part is fitted up much the same as steam baggage cars, with sliding doors at either side. The passenger part is fitted up with adjustable cane chairs arranged as in the ordinary passenger coaches. It also contains a toilet room and water tank. A saw, pick, axe, etc., are in a glass case, easily reached in event of accident.

Instead of the signal bell for starting and stopping as used on the ordinary trolley cars there is an air attachment, and instead of the motorman standing directly in the middle of the front of the car to operate, there is a private apartment at the left. The wheels at either end are guarded by a wood fender resembling a steam engine cowcatcher. It was built by the Brill Company, Philadelphia, and its number is 202.

Work on the big tunnel has about been completed. Most of the men have been dismissed and those who remain to finish the balance of the work to be performed will conclude tomorrow. The electric road is completed from Hazle Park, where it connects with the Lehigh Traction road, as far as the Hazleton side of the tunnel.

The second page of the Tribune on Wednesday will contain something of interest to you.

Holiday novelties and candies, Merk's.

## 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.

C. R. Bachman, of Allentown, who purchased Pond Creek colliery at a receiver's sale last month, has refused to pay the balance of the purchase price and the plant was sold again last week to W. G. Thomas & Co., of Pittston, who will operate the mine.

A fair sized audience attended the M. & M. Institute entertainment at the Grand opera house Saturday evening. The next attraction of the course will be Spillman Riggs, humorous lecturer and musical impersonator, on December 16.

J. W. Miller, who removed his family from Freeland to Harrisburg a year ago, will return to town this week to accept a position as fireman on the D. S. & S. Railroad. Mr. Miller's wife died recently at Harrisburg.

A reception will be held by the daughters of Mary Sodality, of St. Ann's church, on Monday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when nearly 100 new members will be admitted to the society.

Several girls employed in Feist's show printing house at White Haven are on strike against a reduction in wages. The office is one of the very few in Luzerne county not controlled by the Typographical Union.

James E. Griffith has begun the erection of a double block of houses on Adams street for Adam Solkosky. The contract was made before the strike, but owing to financial matters was not begun until now.

Wednesday evening, Thanksgiving Eve, is the date of the first ball of the season. It will be held by the Crescent Athletic Association, which is a guarantee that it will be a success in every respect.

James and John Boyle, accompanied by their families, went to Berwick on Saturday, where they attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Neuder. Interment was in Berwick cemetery.

Mrs. Sweeney and daughters, Misses Celia and Bridget, accompanied by Mr. Mrs. John Sweeney and Hugh O'Donnell, of Lansford, were the guests of Patrick Burke and family yesterday.

Miss Margaret McElwee, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McElwee, South Washington street, went last week to Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, for treatment.

Thanksgiving Day services will be held in the Park M. E. church on Thursday moving at 10.30 o'clock. This is to be a union service. All are cordially invited.

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

The Crescent and Drifton foot ball clubs played two fifteen-minute halves at Jeddo yesterday afternoon. Neither side scored during the game.

The Freeland Brewing Company has opened an agency at Nanticoke, and a team of horses and delivery wagon were taken there last week.

Joseph Kremery, editor of the Slavonic Truth, received news this afternoon of the death of his brother, Rev. Miloslav Kremery, in Hungary.

A year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wansho, of Eckley, was buried this afternoon at the Greek Catholic cemetery.

James Thompson, a member of the Drifton foot ball club, dislocated his right arm while playing at Jeddo yesterday.

John J. McGill, teacher of Foster township high school at Woodside, is dangerously ill at his home in Highland.

School Director W. J. Purcell has accepted a position with the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Chicken thieves and other thieves are still at work in town.

Saturday night Shenandoah lost two old and prominent citizens by death. They were M. J. Graham, aged 67 years, ex-state treasurer and former school director and councilman and a prominent Republican, and Patrick J. Stack, a pioneer mine and recently section foreman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

## BIRTHS.

Breslin.—To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Breslin, South Centre street, a son.

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## 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 Dinkelacker's hall, Butler valley. Tickets, 25 cents.

### MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

ESTATE OF ANNIE MARTIZUS, 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 Martizus, 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.

ESTATE OF OWEN FOWLER, 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 to present the same, without delay, to  
John M. Carr, attorney.  
Nettie S. Fowler.

## Vincent Passarella Dead.

Vincent Passarella died suddenly last evening in the Wagner House, Hazleton, where he was visiting. He became ill at 11 o'clock and his condition became so serious that his physician and a priest were immediately summoned. The stricken man died shortly after their arrival. Fatty degeneration of the heart was the cause of death.

Mr. Passarella was 46 years of age and is survived by his wife and five sons and three daughters. He came from Italy thirty-five years ago, locating at Lattimer, remaining there for ten years, after which he removed to Freeland, where he married Miss McDermott and opened a store. About ten years ago he removed to Hazleton and became one of the prominent business men of that city.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

## County Solicitor Chosen.

County Commissioners-elect Schappert and Smith on Saturday tendered to W. S. McLean, Esq., of Wilkesbarre, the position of county solicitor, and the noted attorney accepted the appointment. On account of the fact that a new court house will be built during the term of the incoming board, the commissioners decided to choose a lawyer of experience and upon whose opinions they can rely in dealing with a matter which involves the spending of nearly a million dollars.

Mr. McLean is one of the foremost lawyers of the Luzerne bar and is an old-time Democrat. A year ago he led the Democratic ticket to victory, as county chairman. He is the father of Controller George S. McLean.

Later—Mr. McLean today denies that he has been offered or that he has accepted the county solicitorship.

Watch the second page of the Tribune on Wednesday. It will interest you.

## Eighteen Months for Assault.

Before Judge Lynch John Kawalski, aged 19 years, of Freeland, who was charged with the felonious wounding of Mrs. Susie Caron, was tried on Friday. The prosecution alleged that Kawalski threw a stone, which struck the woman on the head, and that she was in a serious condition for several days as a result of her injuries. The defendant denied that he threw the stone, but admitted that he was in the crowd present at that time. The jury returned a verdict of aggravated assault and battery and the court sentenced the prisoner to pay a fine of \$5 and the costs and to eighteen months in the county jail.

## Amicably Settled.

The equity suit instituted some time ago by Condly McCole to recover possession of the real estate held by Mrs. Thomas J. Moore, in the name of her late husband, was amicably settled by the interested parties and their attorneys on Saturday evening. Mr. McCole, it is understood, will again become owner of the property in dispute by assuming the indebtedness, which is about \$600, and by paying to Mrs. Moore \$1,675.

Mr. McCole was represented in the negotiations by Attorney Carr and Mrs. Moore by Attorney Stroh.

## Taken to the Asylum.

James Campbell, aged about 55 years, was brought on Saturday evening from his home near Eckley and lodged in the borough lockup, where he was detained until yesterday afternoon, when he was taken to Lauratown asylum by Constables J. F. Welsh and Patrick Heeney. Mr. Campbell resided with his family in the dwelling near the site of Eckley No. 5 breaker, between that town and Highland, and during the past few weeks has shown signs of insanity.

It is expected that careful treatment will restore his mental faculties.