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SHOCKED BY CHILD LABOR

Strike Commission Urges Legislative Action.

President of American Federation of Labor Accuses the Operators of Bringing Foreigners to the Mines.

Chairman Gray opened yesterday's proceedings of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission by saying that the commissioners were impressed with the spectacle of the little girls who were before the commission the previous day and testified that they worked all night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the legislature of Pennsylvania seriously consider the enactment of a law that will forbid the employment of children at night.

Several little girls, daughters of miners, were placed on the witness stand on Monday and told how they were compelled to work all night in silk mills for scanty wages. Annie Denks, 13 years old, said she worked at night from 6:30 p. m. until 6:30 in the morning. She had to stand up all night during her work and received 65 cents a night. When the girl said she was employed at night every member of the commission seemed to be shocked.

The miners sprang a surprise yesterday on the operators by presenting an individual operator on the witness stand. He is John C. Haddock, of Wilkesbarre, president of the Plymouth Coal Company. Mr. Haddock said he had been in the coal business thirty-five years. His company operates the Black Diamond and Dodson mines, near Wilkesbarre. He explained that the miner's town, which runs from 2,700 to 3,200 pounds, was fixed years ago, so that the employer could get out of the ton 2,340 pounds of pure coal above the size of pea. Pea coal and all sizes below that were "waste." This waste is now being utilized.

Regarding the prices of coal, Mr. Haddock said middlemen in New York are now paying \$11 and \$12 a ton.

Mr. Haddock said that he believed in the combination of capital and of labor. He looked upon the organization of labor as a necessity, and he had no objection to dealing with labor unions, if properly conducted. He believed that the mine workers, because of the good market for coal, were justified in asking for an increase in wages. The witness said he favored, before the strike, making a concession to the men under certain conditions. He had no objection to eight hours for the miners, and favored nine hours for other classes of mine workers.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, testified as an expert on the trade union movement. Regarding trade agreements, Mr. Gompers said they have always been advantageous to both the workman and his employer.

Chairman Gray, who is taking an especial interest in boycotts, asked Mr. Gompers what he thought of such methods. The witness said he would boycott any person who is unfair to his workmen, but would not boycott a man who chooses to do business with the person who is boycotted.

The question of the recognition of unions was then taken up, and Mr. Gompers said that employers made a mistake when they refused to recognize organized labor. The employer, he said, has no moral right to refuse to confer with a committee of his employees. In reply to Bishop Spalding Mr. Gompers said he would not favor incorporating a union.

Mr. Gompers was cross-examined by James Torrey, counsel of the Delaware and Hudson Company, who asked the witness if he did not believe that members of the United Mine Workers of America should be 21 years of age and able to read and write before they are admitted to membership in the union.

To this the witness replied: "Yes, ten years from now, and when the companies stop bringing illiterate foreigners to this country. They are brought here by the companies, and the labor union must protect them and see that they get their rights."

When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it if necessary.

The miners made another attempt to have the commission admit as evidence a large mass of testimony tending to show that the anthracite coal carrying

roads charge extortionate and discriminating freight rates, and that a monopoly exists in the industry which keeps the wages of men at an unnaturally low level. The commission decided that the evidence must be limited to the scope of the commission.

It was announced by the commission that when it would adjourn for the Christmas holidays, probably on Saturday, it will be to meet in Philadelphia on the first Monday in January.

Sale of Land for Taxes.

On Monday, December 29, the county commissioners will hold a sale of seated and unseated lands, the cause of the sale being unpaid taxes. Properties in almost every town and township in the county will be sold to the highest bidder. Many of them are improved with houses or other buildings. Although deeds are given by the commissioners to the purchasers, many of them are valueless, being made so by defective titles, double assessments and other errors.

The unseated lands are located in Buck, Bear Creek, Black Creek, Butler, Conyngham, Dorrance, Fairmount, Foster, Hanover, Hazle, Hollenback, Huntington, Lake, Pittston, Ross, Salem, Sugarloaf, Union and Wright townships. In Buck township alone over 3,000 acres will be sold.

The seated lands are located in almost every town and township in the county, there being forty properties in Freeland and sixty-four in Foster township.

Mitchell Welcomed Home.

John Mitchell was given a warm welcome upon his return to his old home in Spring Valley, Ill. The town observed the day as a general holiday and business was suspended in his honor. It is estimated that 3,000 unionists and citizens took part in the parade that escorted the labor leader from the train through the principal streets.

The feature of the program was the presentation of two sets of resolutions, one by citizens and labor organizations of Spring Valley, and the other by the Peru Trades and Labor Council. The former was engraved on a large silver tray, part of a set of five pieces presented to President Mitchell. The latter resolutions were embossed on aluminum and incased in a massive frame. A meeting was held in the evening and was addressed by several noted labor leaders.

Judges Cannot Agree.

President Judge Heydt, in the Carbon county court, has handed down a decision granting the application for a change of venue in the case in which Harry McElroy and George Ronemus, coal and iron policemen, are charged with the murder of Patrick Sharp, a striker, who was shot and killed at Nesquehoning on August 18. Judge Heydt recommends that the case be tried in Lehigh county.

Associate Judge George Embury dissents from Judge Heydt's decision. The question as to whether the decision will stand now depends upon Associate Judge Williams, who has not as yet handed down his decision.

The change of venue is asked for on the ground that the prejudice against the mine guards is so strong in Carbon county that a fair trial is impossible.

Contract Declared Void.

Among the opinions handed down by Judge Halsey this week was one declared void the contract entered into by the borough council of Nanticoke and the People's Light and Power Company. The plaintiff in the proceeding is John O. Davis, who alleged that the contract had been entered into without the consent or approval of Burgess Williams. Under the decision of the court the contract will now have to be approved by the borough or a new contract for the public lighting will have to be entered into.

The First, as Usual.

The Tribune has received a copy of the 1903 almanac of the Philadelphia Record. As usual, it is the first of the newspaper year-books to be distributed, and is, as in the past, filled from cover to cover with useful information. Every question of general interest is given a place in its contents, and the statistical matter it contains makes it a valuable desk-book in every office and business establishment.

Lehigh Valley Calendar for 1903.

The usual fine steel-plate engraved work is continued in the Lehigh Valley Railroad's calendar for 1903. These calendars are becoming exceedingly popular all over the country, as they are high-class in workmanship and design, and an acceptable ornament to any office or house. One may be obtained by mailing 4 cents in stamps to the passenger department of the road in New York.

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

ROUND THE REGION.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Rosanna Clarke, of Ashley, vs. the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company returned a verdict for the plaintiff, awarding her \$1,000 damages. She was a passenger on a Lehigh Valley train in 1896 and received injuries in the wreck which occurred near Pond Creek. The case was tried once before, but owing to a remark made by plaintiff's counsel, in his closing address, a juror was withdrawn and the case continued. The company has given notice that a new trial will be asked.

Factory Inspector Campbell, when asked at Harrisburg about the testimony taken by the commission in Scranton, where children under the legal age testified that they worked all night, said: "I have no doubt that they told the truth and I have wired E. W. Bishop, the deputy in the Scranton district, to investigate the matter at once and report as soon as possible."

Regret for his recent plea of guilt in a murder case won't save Michael Yushkiss from the penalty. Judge Halsey has decided that the court could not reconsider Yushkiss' plea of guilty in killing Daniel Sweeney, although an accomplice of the prisoner has since been acquitted of the crime. It is on the docket as a second degree case, and so it will stand.

John Maczys, editor of the leading Lithuanian paper in the county, the Plymouth Vienybe Lietuvinku, died suddenly at the office of his physician. Deceased went to the doctor's office to visit and was suddenly attacked with heart disease and fell dead. He had been suffering with consumption for some time.

Jacob Showers, an herb doctor, spent some time in the infected districts of Schuylkill county selling his medicines, and on his return to Pottsville developed smallpox. The health authorities have opened a municipal hospital.

William Chapman, who was dispatched from England in 1842 by Sir John Francis to prospect for slate and who discovered the famous slate belt in Pennsylvania, died at Bethlehem after a brief illness of pneumonia.

The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of District 9, comprising the Schuylkill field, is in session at Minersville.

Production of Coal.

The total production of anthracite coal this year will amount to only about 31,000,000 tons, as compared with 53,500,000 tons in 1901. This is a smaller output of anthracite coal produced during any year since 1884, when the production amounted to 30,718,000 tons.

The production during November amounted to 4,984,384 tons, as compared with 4,697,329 tons in November, 1901. The total production for the eleven months of this year amounted to 26,101,459 tons, as compared with 49,945,148 tons during the same period of 1901.

The following table shows the number of tons of coal each railroad company shipped during November:

| Railroads. | 1902. | 1901. |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Reading | 905,182 | 976,013 |
| Lehigh Valley | 769,433 | 778,160 |
| Jersey Central | 637,070 | 450,437 |
| D. L. & W. | 828,160 | 704,445 |
| Delaware and Hudson | 511,270 | 415,753 |
| Pennsylvania | 311,755 | 447,975 |
| Erie | 703,462 | 462,803 |
| Ontario and Western | 263,105 | 238,976 |
| D. S. & S. | 56,947 | 122,767 |
| Total | 4,984,384 | 4,697,329 |

Fight Declared Off.

During the past two days excitement was at fever heat over a proposed boxing contest scheduled for last night in Mt. Carmel opera house between Darby McDonald, a local man, and Charles Mulhall, of Philadelphia. The ministers made the bout a subject for their sermons on Sunday, and Monday evening a mass-meeting was held in the Methodist church, at which action to stop the fight was taken. Not until late yesterday afternoon did the managers of the affair decide to give it up, and then Mulhall, who had been in town only a few hours, returned to Philadelphia.

The ministers and a committee from the churches were on guard at the opera house all evening, it being their intention to attend and bring legal proceedings as soon as the affair was over. It was to be a fifteen-round contest, a decision to be given. Several hundred strangers were disappointed as a result of the action.

Mulhall is well known to local sports, having fought here on August 17, 1901, with "Kid" Ferry, of Allentown. In that bout he lost the decision on a foul.

Watch the date on your paper.

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 members of Division 19, A. O. H., to the number of over 150, held an interesting meeting at the Grand opera house hall last evening. Several candidates were initiated into the order, and after the regular business was transacted an entertaining program, consisting of songs, recitations and addresses, was rendered. Cigars, refreshments and eatables assisted in making the evening a pleasant one for those in attendance.

Michael DePierro, an aged resident of town, sustained a broken arm yesterday by falling on a slippery sidewalk. The victim was taken to his home at the corner of Centre and Front streets, where his injuries were found to consist of two fractures of the right arm above the wrist.

Spillman Riggs, humorous lecturer and musical impersonator, entertained a fair-sized audience at the Grand opera house last evening. The next number of the M. & M. course of entertainments is the Wesleyan Male Quartette and Houston, which comes on January 31.

The Wilkesbarre Monarchs will try to wrest victory from the Freeland Crescents in a game of basket ball this evening at Krell's hall. Both teams are well prepared, and as the game is becoming popular a large audience is expected to attend.

Condy O'Donnell, of Main street, has been appointed by the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps as janitor of the Grand opera house building. Mr. O'Donnell served for two years in a similar capacity at the Municipal building.

Mrs. Harry Argust, who entered a Philadelphia hospital for treatment last week, has returned to her home in Upper Lehigh. She will probably undergo treatment at the Miners hospital some time in the near future.

The item in this column on Monday announcing the marriage of George Miller and Miss Gertie Klose, of Upper Lehigh, should have read engagement. The young couple will marry on the first of next month.

A consignment of clothing received from the West has been distributed by the officers of District 7 among the unemployed men of Coxie Bros. & Co. at Stockton.

The condition of Mrs. Patrick McFadden, of South Centre street, who is ill with pneumonia, is critical and her physicians have poor hopes of her recovery.

The Good Will Athletic Association is preparing a fine program for the club's annual entertainment on Christmas evening.

The monthly salaries of the borough school board's employes, amounting to \$805.94, were paid today.

PLEASURE.

December 25.—Annual entertainment under the auspices of the Good Will Athletic Association at the Grand opera house. Admission, 10, 15 and 25 cents.
December 31.—Fourteenth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Krell's hall. Admission, 50 cents.

Famous Tigers Ball.

It is the unanimous verdict of the people of the Lehigh region that the balls held by the Tigers Athletic Club, of Freeland, have been the best, the biggest and the most successful social affairs conducted in the anthracite coal fields. On

Wednesday Evening, December 31.

this noted organization will hold its fourteenth annual ball. The Tigers invite you to become their guest on this occasion, and, as in previous years, they will exert every effort and utilize every opportunity at their command to make your visit one of the most pleasant events of your life.

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South Centre Street

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Fancy Neckwear—

The prettiest and largest selection of Four-in-Hands, Imperials, Bows, and Tecks in town, in plain white and plain black silks, also all the newest fancy colors in Ties, are now on sale at 25c.

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Xmas Socks from 25c upward.
Xmas Shirts from 50c upward.
Xmas Silk Mufflers, from 50c upward.

Xmas Sweaters from 50c upward.
Slippers and Shoes—

This store's collection of Christmas Slippers is exceptional. The positive price savings to be had here makes a buyer of you at once.

In the line of Shoes we have everything that could be desired, and when making your presents don't forget that a Pair of Shoes is one of the most acceptable articles you can offer.

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