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## BAER TO CURB INDEPENDENTS

### No More Cars for Shippers Who Hold Back Coal.

### Thousands of Tons Are Tied Up at Tidewater Points for Various Reasons, Causing Prices to Go Higher.

George F. Baer, president of the Reading-Jersey Central Railroad system, has demonstrated that he meant all he said last Tuesday in New York, when he assured Mayor Low that his companies would do everything possible to insure prompt and fair distribution of coal as fast as it could be mined.

It became known yesterday that orders had been issued by both companies, placing an embargo against further coal shipments by such independent operators as have failed, for one reason or another, to unload cars at the tidewater terminals until the cars so held shall be emptied and released for use.

In other words, President Baer has served notice that, so far as his control extends, no one will be permitted to withhold coal from consumers.

Explaining the action taken and the reasons for it, C. E. Henderson, second vice president of the Reading Railway, said:

"The Reading has placed no embargo on the shipment or distribution of independent coal from its tidewater terminals, but it has put an embargo against further shipments of coal from the mines of certain operators until they release cars now standing loaded at Port Richmond and Port Liberty. Because of the difficulties in unloading, consequent upon cold weather, and for other causes, loaded cars in great numbers accumulated at our terminals in Philadelphia and New York, and at those of other companies at Elizabethport and Perth Amboy.

"The yards became blocked. This condition meant the tying up of hundreds of loaded cars, largely independents' coal, something that could not be tolerated without injury to the public and ourselves. Therefore, the Reading placed an embargo on further shipments by operators who have failed to unload cars. Until this is done and the cars released no others will be available for those operators. We cannot and will not permit our colliers to close or curtail production because our cars are held."

Along the lines of the railroads from Jersey City through Bayonne down to Newark Bay, are miles and miles of cars loaded with coal—not only gondola cars, but freight cars. These cars have no snow under them, showing that they were there at the time of the last storm, the rails between the cars being rusted, showing that they have not been moved for many days. The coal is being held for higher prices.

At Bayonne there are acres of cars. Looking from this point down the track, coal cars extend until they are lost in the distance. Hundreds of thousands of tons of coal are there held by the grasping coal speculators for higher prices.

In the Perth Amboy terminal yards it is estimated that there are sufficient loaded cars to extend, if placed in one train, fully six miles. In the Elizabethport yards the railroads are accumulating thousands upon thousands of tons, all in cars, ready to be released the moment the operators believe that the highest price has been reached.

It is impossible to estimate the amount of this coal in storage. Only the combined railroads know, and they won't tell.

The independents allege that the extreme cold weather froze the coal in the cars and prevented its removal and distribution. They claim that it was all

sold and that in no sense are they holding it out of the market for higher prices.

With little prospect of relief, the coal famine has reached an alarming stage throughout the large cities. Many large institutions and establishments are virtually without fuel, and several may have to close their doors unless there is an immediate change in the situation. Most of the hospitals are overcrowded with unfortunate patients who cannot be properly cared for at home because they have no coal.

Philadelphia hospitals are taxed as they have never been before. Many have the largest number in the history of the institutions. Patients who are usually treated in the dispensary are being taken into the wards because they have no coal at home.

### Attended Club Dinner.

Dr. H. M. Neale last evening attended the dinner given by the Clover Club, of Philadelphia, in honor of the twenty-first anniversary of the famous organization. Dr. Neale and Hon. John M. Garman are the only Luzerne county men on the non-resident list of membership. The club is composed principally of Philadelphia's brightest newspaper men. The active list of members numbers thirty and the non-resident list fourteen.

The dinner last evening was one of the most noted in the Clover Club's history, and among the guests were President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers; the members of the Strike Commission, representatives of the coal operators and distinguished army men and statesmen.

### Basket Ball Tonight.

The attraction this evening will be the basket ball team of Fire Company No. 1, of Plymouth, which defeated the Crescents in a hotly-contested game Tuesday evening. The local club is going to make a strong effort to win tonight and the battle will be worth seeing.

The carpenters are rushing the work upon the seats for the spectators, and it is expected that the accommodations at the hall will be greatly improved. Heretofore the large crowds which attended the games were compelled to stand while the teams were playing. The new seats will relieve this inconvenience.

The Calvary club, of Wilkesbarre, will play here on Wednesday evening of next week.

### To Raise Age Limit.

The lawyers for the anthracite coal operators and for the mine workers, who are now in Philadelphia in attendance on the Strike Commission, have drafted a bill limiting the ages for minors to work in or about coal mines and in mills and factories. The bill as at present drawn up raises the age of boys permitted to work in the mines from 14 to 16 years and raises the age limit of boys working in the breakers from 12 to 14, and in mills and factories from 12 to 14. Night work for females is forbidden between the hours of 9 p. m. and 7 a. m.

### Officers Elected.

The Leo Columbian Literary Society, connected with St. Ann's convent, has elected the following officers:

President—Con Walsh.  
Vice president—John McMonigle.  
Financial secretary—Miss Grace Sweeney.

Recording secretary—Frank Duffy.  
Treasurer—Miss Sadie Brennan.

A milk house owned by Oscar Cook, of Butler valley, caught fire early yesterday morning and was totally destroyed. At the time the fire originated Mr. Cook was on his way to Freeland with his daily milk supply. The loss is \$200.

### Employment for Fifty Girls.

Fifty girls can find remunerative employment at the Freeland silk mill. Applicants must be over 13 years of age, and those between the ages of 13 and 16 must comply with factory law in every respect. Apply at mill office on Birkbeck street.

### Important to Taxpayers.

Taxpayers of Freeland borough who have failed to settle their accounts for 1902 with the collector are hereby notified that 5 per cent additional will be charged on all taxes not paid before January 19, 1903.

All persons concerned will govern themselves accordingly.  
Hugh Malloy, Tax Collector.

### Bankrupt Stock Sale.

A large amount of the stock of J. White & Co., of New York, who recently failed, has been purchased by S. Senie, proprietor of the Philadelphia One Price Clothing House, and was placed on sale today at his store in the Birkbeck brick.

During the next ten days these goods will be sold at a reduction of from one-third to one-half of their original prices. The stock includes overcoats, suits, shoes, furnishings, etc.  
Full particulars of the sale will be found on the third page.

## ROUND THE REGION.

A strange man approached the six-year-old son of D. B. Calahan, of Wilkesbarre, on the street last night and asked the boy to show him the way to Edwardsville. The lad, urged by a promise of candy, accompanied the stranger, but when the candy was bought refused to proceed further. The man then seized the boy and was carrying him away, when a woman, hearing the boy's cries, forced the man to release him.

Wilkesbarre fire department does not mean to have men who are not firemen lending their vigorous but often misguided efforts to put out a fire. During the past year much property has been destroyed by the misdirected zeal of bystanders. During a fire yesterday James Laird seized an axe and broke a plate glass window "to let the smoke out." Chief Schuler had him arrested and will make an example of him.

In two hours in the Carbon county court yesterday, Matthew Coler, of Hauto, was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced by Judge Hoydt to serve seven years in the Eastern penitentiary. Coler stabbed and killed John Shibo, while the two men were returned from a christening.

Delegations representing banking institutions in the eastern counties of the state went to Washington today to protest against the removal of Major John F. Finney as assistant United States treasurer at Philadelphia.

Hon. A. T. Connell, nephew of Congressman William Connell, was last night nominated for recorder of Scranton by the Republicans. Mr. Connell has served two terms in the state legislature.

The employes of the Weatherly machine shops of the Lehigh Valley Railroad have received a 5 per cent increase in wages, dating from January 1. Nearly 200 men are affected.

In the Eddy Creek mine a cask of wine that came from the cellar of O'Brien's hotel, Olyphant, during the big cave-in of January 2, was found yesterday.

Hearings in the contest of William Connell against George Howell, for the office of congress, have begun at Scranton before the commissioners appointed to take the evidence on the part of Mr. Connell.

The enlarged Pottsville hospital was opened for use yesterday. The total cost of the buildings and equipment is \$100,000, which, together with an endowment of \$50,000, was contributed chiefly by a Philadelphian, who will not permit his name to be given out.

Charles Smith, who played third base on the Wilkesbarre base ball team when it was in the Eastern league, was bitten by a pet dog about two weeks since. The dog subsequently died of rabies, and Smith is now under treatment at the Pasteur Institute, New York. Harry Root, of Kingston, and Mrs. Stevens, of Westmore, who were bitten by a mad dog on New Year's Day, are also in the institution.

Wilkesbarre street car men's association has voted not to accept the offer made by the traction company—20 cents an hour, provided the men sign a five-year agreement. The men state that they have made a contract with the company for a year and the new terms are of no material advantage and in the course of a couple of years conditions may so change as to make a change advisable.

### Word "Reformed" Added.

Judge Edwards, of Scranton, has handed down an opinion in the matter of exceptions to the incorporation of St. Stanislaus Polish National Church, of Scranton. This is the church organized in South Scranton by Rev. Hodur, who was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church for the reason that he refused to submit to the discipline of the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church.

Since Rev. Hodur established his Polish National Church in South Scranton he has organized like churches at Olyphant, Nanticoke, Plymouth and Duryea. When it was sought to secure a charter for the South Scranton church under the name of "St. Stanislaus Polish National Church, of Scranton, Pa.," exceptions were filed by Bishop Hoban. A great mass of testimony was taken. It appeared that the most serious objection to the title of the church was that it might mislead people and cause them to think it was a Roman Catholic church. During the argument Judge Edwards suggested that the title be changed. This was done by inserting the word "Reformed," making the present title, "St. Stanislaus Polish National Reformed Church, of Scranton, Pa." Under that name the court has allowed the charter.

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## 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.

Preparations are being made to resume operations at No. 7 colliery of Cox & Co., at Stockton. Only the first lift of this slope will be worked, as the other portions of the mine are filled with water. The coal will be hoisted and shipped to Beaver Meadow breaker over the D. S. & S. Railroad.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has been selected by the U. M. W. of A. as the official route for delegates to the Indianapolis convention. The delegates leave tomorrow evening on a special train. The convention begins on Monday morning.

Sidney Williams, general superintendent for G. B. Markle & Co., at Jeddo, has sold his handsome property at Scranton, where he lived until recently, to a Scranton man for \$18,500.

The bond of Andrew Sivar, treasurer of St. Joseph's Slavonian Society, of Freeland, was filed in court yesterday in the sum of \$1,000 with Timothy Boyle as surety.

A fine cut and write-up of Daniel Kline, Esq., who was recently appointed deputy register of wills, appeared in yesterday's issue of the Philadelphia Press.

Wanted.—Salesmen to sell oils, greases, paints and compound. Salary or commission. Fairfax Refining Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Michael J. Bergin has returned to her home in Washington after spending a few weeks with her parents on Adams street.

Alex Treible, a conductor on the D. S. & S. Railroad, is ill at his home in Cox addition.

Rev. M. J. Fleming has purchased a horse from Postmaster B. F. Davis. Ice cream on sale at Merk's.

## POLITICAL.

The Citizens' party of Conyngham has nominated the following ticket: Burgess, Benjamin Peters; councilmen, Peter Hetler and Samuel Kellner; tax collector, William Reisenweaver; high constable, Charles Bank.

West Hazleton Democrats have made the following nominations: Burgess, Hugh McGeehan; tax collector, George Fichter; justice of the peace, Daniel Horn; auditor, Wilson Oswald.

George N. Vannauker is the only Republican who has announced himself as a candidate for the nomination of burgess.

Hazlet township Democrats will nominate their ticket on Tuesday evening of next week.

## Y. M. C. A.

Secretary Vannauker will conduct devotional services on Sunday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock. Subject, "Volunteer Workers." Men and boys are invited to be present.

New members are being added to the association almost daily.

Two fine new crokinole and carrom boards and new checker boards and dominoes have been put in the game room.

Boys' bible class Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Thirty-three boys were there last Saturday.

## DRIFTON.

Miss Ella Quinn has made application and has been accepted by the Miners hospital as a nurse. She will enter upon her duties within the next two months.

Herman Vincase has arrived from Austria to accept a position as civil engineer under Cox Bros. & Co.

Patrick Quinn has purchased a property in Hazleton.

## PLEASURE.

January 16.—Basket ball, Plymouth Fire Company No. 1, A. A. vs. Crescents at Kroll's hall. Admission, 20 cents; ladies and children, 10 cents.  
February 15.—Entertainment under auspices of Drifton Base Ball Club at Grand opera house. Tickets, 15 and 25 cents.

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