

MINERS ACCEPT PACT WITH ANTHRACITE MEN AFTER BITTER BATTLE

President White, of Union, and Followers Win Over Radical Members, 581 to 206

CONVENTION IN UPROAR

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 5.—After every possible effort to the Tri-District convention of the United Mine Workers of America in this region had had opportunity to be presented in the discussion of the tentative agreement entered into with the operators, the convention, late yesterday, ratified the agreement by a vote of 581 to 206. The vote by districts was: No. 1, for the agreement, 107; No. 2, for 110, against 10; No. 3, for 240, against 61.

The vote came after the most spirited debate ever waged between the radical and the conservative elements of the organization in the three districts.

All of yesterday, amid scenes that he himself characterized as bedlam, President White and his district officers fought for the adoption of the agreement without any modification whatever.

White's victory has been a signal one. His followers are proclaiming that the I. W. U. element in the mine workers has to use their language, "been put out of business."

It is very likely that the anthracite operators will finally affix their signatures to the contract in Philadelphia today.

SPREAD NET FOR CRACKSMEN

Circulars Issued Describing Burglars Who Rob "Chain Stores"

Captain James Tate, of the Detective Bureau, has forwarded to the police of the principal towns in New Jersey and Pennsylvania circulars giving a description of two men who have been operating on the safes of "chain grocery stores."

They use a clamp device which pulls out the combination dial and locking spindle. The men are known to have opened safes in Philadelphia and others in Merion, Edgystone, Ardmore, Burlington and Haddon Heights.

The police say the safe breakers have been doing a lucrative business, securing rewards of \$150 in one haul.

POLICEMEN MOURN COMRADE

"Smiling George" Felton Succumbs After Operation

Officers and men of the 16th district police station, 35th street and Lancaster avenue, are in mourning today over the death of one of the most popular policemen in the district, George Felton—"Smiling George," as he was called. Felton died in the University Hospital after being operated on for stomach trouble Monday. It was not thought that the operation was serious.

Felton was 35 years old and lived with his mother and father at 331 Budd street. He had been on the police force 11 years, seven in the 16th district, and during that time had never been disciplined. Recently he had been acting as house sergeant, and his promotion to a sergeant was expected soon. Felton was a big, well-built man, and well liked because of his geniality, which had won him the sobriquet of "Smiling George."

PUPILS TOOK JOY TRIP; NOW 31 ARE VERY SORRY

Collingswood School Expels Number for River Voyage

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., May 5.—A wholesale mutiny at the Collingswood High School yesterday resulted in the expulsion of 31 pupils pending investigation by the faculty and arbitration by the parents.

The baseball team of the high school and a delegation of rosters, some of them fair, started for Wilmington but found when they arrived at the dock that owing to a smallpox quarantine the game could not be played. Youth and spirit together, with probably a little touch of the "man from Egypt," inspired the team and rosters to go somewhere, so they boarded a Trenton boat and took a ride up the river instead of down, not, however, before having a heated confab with Prof. Amos Fluke, supervisor of Collingswood schools.

Numbers ruled in the end and over Professor Fluke's veto they passed the decision that they would take a pleasure trip to Trenton. Some of them are sorry now.

UNOFFICIAL WEATHER PROPHECY EXPIRES

Aged "Aide" to Forecaster Succumbs to Injuries Received in Accident

John Comly, 84 years old, of 1529 North Grays street, who won fame as a weather forecaster and unofficial aide to the Weather Bureau, died in the Jefferson Hospital today as the result of injuries he sustained when struck by a trolley car Wednesday night at 6th and Market streets.

Mr. Comly's observations, made with a series of delicate instruments installed at his home, soon attracted the attention of Mr. Bliss, the Government forecaster, who investigated. He found that the amateur forecaster's monthly reports covering all changes in temperature, winds, rain and snow were correct to a scientific degree. He accordingly used them as semi-official in his own reports.

Mr. Comly made his weather reporting a hobby. He got lots of pleasure out of it and was also gratified with the knowledge that he was serving the Government and the public. He was assisted in his work by his wife, who enjoyed it as much as he did. His instruments were of the same pattern used at the Government weather stations. They were placed in his back yard and it is said that Mr. Comly made as good observations as the Government stations.

Mr. Comly was crossing Market street, when he was struck by an eastbound car, the crew of which has not been arrested.

Mr. Comly is survived by a widow, Mrs. Rebecca B. Comly, and a daughter, Mrs. Hannah Pickering. He was the grandson of John Comly, author of the Comly spelling book, which 50 years ago was an authority. The funeral will be held Monday in the Friends' Meeting House at 15th and Race streets. Interment will be in the Friends' burying ground.

Roundhouse Men Ask Increase

READING, Pa., May 5.—Three hundred employees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company's roundhouses here presented a petition to the company today asking an increase in wages. It is likely the request will be granted. The petitioners include laborers, machinists and repairmen.

FREIGHT GLUT DRIVES PENNSY MAN TO DEATH

Warner R. Howell, Foreign Department Head, Worried by Congestion, Ends Life

Anxiety and overwork, due to the unprecedented freight congestion of the Pennsylvania Railroad, drove Warner R. Howell, foreign freight agent of the railroad, to suicide yesterday, according to friends of the dead man.

The unusual conditions had unnerved Mr. Howell at a time when he was generally unwell. He was 65 years old. He worked continuously by day and often lost sleep at night worrying over the difficulties with which the railroad was beset.

Yesterday afternoon he was alone in his home, in a fashionable section of Germantown. About 5 o'clock Elizabeth McDonnell, a servant, returned to the house, and when Mr. Howell did not appear for dinner she went to his room.

She found him lying across his bed. Dr. J. E. Bellville, 5925 Greene street, who had been treating him, was called. A probe showed that the bullet had pierced the roof of his mouth and entered the brain. Apparently he had placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and fired.

Doctor Bellville said the man had been dead three or four hours when the servant found his body.

The following statement was issued by the family:

"Mr. Warner Roberts Howell had been suffering from neurasthenia for several months past, and had been depressed since the death of his brother, William Howell, about two months since. Mr. Howell answered when called at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning, but, as he did not come down stairs nor reply when he was called later, it was thought best to summon the family physician, who entered Mr. Howell's room and found that he had shot himself, without doubt in an access of nervous depression. Mr. Howell was just 57 years of age."

Mrs. Howell will arrive at noon tomorrow.

Mrs. Howell, who is his second wife, is in Florida. He married her in New York on September 3, 1914. She was Mrs. Jean J. Hoffer before this marriage.

Two daughters, Esther and Isabel F., survive him. They are at home. A brother, William, died several months ago, and grief over his death increased Mr. Howell's worries. He was also distantly related to George B. Roberts, former president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In addition to the Union League, Mr. Howell was a member of the Philadelphia Cricket and other clubs. He had a summer home at Northeast Harbor, Me.

RIOTING AT SHORE ELECTION FEARED; POLICE TO ACT

Judge Calls on Sheriff to Guard Against Violence at Polls

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 5.—Fearful rioting at the polls because of the bitter feeling that has been engendered by rival political factions over the control of the city government here, County Judge C. C. Shinn has called upon Sheriff Joseph Ingersoll to take personal charge of a large force of deputies to patrol the resort on Tuesday next, election day.

This is the first time such action has ever been necessary here.

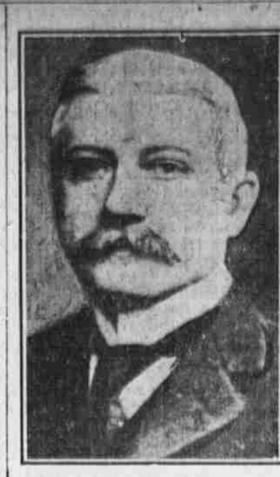
Deep concern has been manifested by both sides over just what their opponents will attempt to "pull," and they are ready to come back with almost anything to win. The battle next Tuesday will be the worst the resort has ever seen, according to the information gathered by the authorities, who are determined to quell all disturbances by prompt police action.

FIRST LANCASTER CONCERT

Oratorio Society Sings "Judas Macabaeus" to Great Throings

LANCASTER, Pa., May 5.—The Fulton Opera House was crowded last night for the first concert of the new Lancaster Oratorio Society. The organization sang Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus," being assisted by the Philadelphia Orchestra and Miss Eneyr Holtz, soprano; Miss Susanna Derrum, contralto; Dr. J. Howard Zollik, tenor; and Harry Holtz, basso. The director was J. Fred Wolfe, who conducted the Bach festivals at Bethlehem.

The festival was preceded by a concert this afternoon by the orchestra, a feature of the program being the playing of Hans Kinder, cellist. The orchestra was under the leadership of Thaddeus Rich.



WALTER R. HOWELL Foreign freight agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who shot and killed himself at his home, 506 West Chelton avenue, yesterday afternoon.

BEER FLOWS FREELY ON STREET

Beer—light, dark, bock and other beverages—actually flowed in the gutters on Market street, between Front street and Delaware avenue, shortly before noon today, following a collision between a brewery wagon, owned by Arnolt & Schaefer, and a fireplug. In the accident the driver, Frank Mook, of 1336 North Hollywood street, pitched from his seat and 2000 bottles of beer were dashed to the street, cracking half the number. Policemen had to be summoned to protect the bottles that were intact from the ravages of "relic hunters."

CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP OF LYONS DIES

PARIS, May 5.—Hector Irenaeus Sevine, Cardinal Archbishop of Lyons, died yesterday, 64 years of age. He was created Cardinal in May, 1914.

SMALLPOX CRISIS PAST IN WILMINGTON

Health Secretary Hopes Disease Will Be Stamped Out Within Few Days

WILMINGTON, Del., May 5. The crisis in the smallpox situation seems to have been passed, and Secretary Isaac W. Bowers, of the Board of Health, declares that he has every hope that the disease will be stamped out in a few days.

Several places ordered closed have been given word that they can open, including the churches, public schools and saloons. This order takes effect with church services on Sunday and the saloons at once, the schools opening next Monday.

The theatres may open on Monday, the only indefinite closures at the present time being the poolrooms and the Wilmington Institute Free Library.

This edict came this morning after it had been learned that no new cases had come to light. Secretary Bowers made a thorough tour of the city last night, visiting all the infected sections, and found that conditions were improving as rapidly as could be expected. Everything now tends to an even more rapid stamping out of the disease, owing largely to the co-operation the citizens of Wilmington have given the Health Board in such matters as closing all places where crowds might gather and in vaccination.

Merchants are gratified with the action taken in relieving the tension.

There are now 29 patients, all negroes, at the Emergency Hospital. No white cases have been reported for three days and no other case for two, the one case yesterday being that of a man who had escaped quarantine some days before. Not a death has occurred.

SELLS KNOXVILLE STOCK FARM

William H. W. Quirk & Bro., acting for a New York client, have sold, through the Alexander McMillan Company, of Knoxville, Tenn., the McDonald stock farm of 1000 acres, with large mansion house and barn, on the Holston River, four miles from Knoxville. The property was held for sale at \$100,000.

MAILS ON FREDERICK VIII SEIZED

BERLIN, May 5.—The Overseas News Agency announces that the Scandinavian-American liner Frederick VIII was held up at Kirkwall by a British patrol boat and her first class American mails, consisting of 2000 bags, were taken off. The Frederick VIII was on her way from New York to Christiania.

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IRISH COUNTY SOCIETIES HOLD ANNUAL BALL TONIGHT

City Dignitaries to Grace Occasion in Mercantile Hall

City dignitaries are expected to be present tonight, when the annual ball of the Federation of Irish County Societies is held in Mercantile Hall, Broad and Market streets.

The committee in charge has spared no efforts to make the affair a gathering worthy of the best traditions of their native land.

Invitations have been extended to the Mayor, Judges Bonniwell, Cassidy, Gorman and Rogers, of the Municipal Court, and also City Solicitor John P. Connelly, Joseph P. Gaffney, James B. Sheehan, Michael J. Ryan, Joseph McLaughlin and many other notables.

Mayor to Speak for Loan Bills

Mayor Smith today accepted an invitation to speak on the loan bills at a meeting Monday night in the Lavering Public School, 21st Ward, Germantown. A delegation from the ward, headed by ex-Councilman W. F. Dixon, called upon the Mayor this morning to extend the invitation. All the directors in the Mayor's cabinet have also been invited and several will speak.

BUSINESS MEN TO ACT SOON ON P. R. T. BOARD

United Association Will Make Nominations for Directorate at Special Meeting

William Hancock, president of the United Business Men's Association, will call a special meeting of the association within the next few days to nominate six men for consideration by Councils as candidates for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company directorate. This was announced today following the action of Common Council yesterday in passing without opposition the resolution inviting the association to make the nominations.

One faction in the association is demanding that all ex-members be named from the membership of their association, which totals about 20,000 throughout the city. Another faction is urging that several names of men not in the association be submitted, in order to demonstrate that they are willing, if necessary, to make their own interests subservient to those of the city.

This point will be decided at the special meeting of the association.

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