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MINES ARE RESUMING

Only Two Collieries in Hazleton District Are on Strike.

ALL MAY WORK TODAY

Men Respond to the Spring Brook Whistle.

The Burning of the Evans Mining Company's Breaker at Beaver Meadow Is Laid at the Door of Fanatical and Reckless Women--The Troops May Be Obliged to Remain at Lattimer.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Only two collieries in the Hazleton district are still on strike, the Silver Brook, operated by Wentz & Co., and the Jeanesville mine of the Lehigh Valley company. The Yorktown colliery of the Lehigh Valley company which completed the trio out on strike yesterday will resume in the morning with a full force, the men having come to this decision at a meeting this afternoon. The Spring Brook cannot be really said to be on strike as a goodly number of the men responded to the whistle this morning when an effort was made to resume and it is the belief of the company that when the whistle blows tomorrow morning there will be enough men on hand to start up.

The one big surprise of the day was the failure of the Lehigh Valley men at Jeanesville to return to work. As indicated in yesterday's dispatch they had arranged a meeting and from common talk among the miners there was every assurance that they would decide to go to work in the morning. In fact a committee of leaders waited upon the company officials and told them that they could prepare to start the works in the morning as there was no question but that the meeting would result in a decision to go back. The company notified the foreman to get their supplies down, the mules cleaned up and harnesses repaired and cars were gotten ready for a full resumption. But, for some reason that the company can not explain and which the miners decline to discuss they decided to continue on strike until there demands are acceded to. It is said that only two men out of the 200 present at the meting voted to go back.

COULD NOT RESUME.

Wentz & Co.'s mine at Silver Brook, which was also expected to resume this morning, was not able to start up, owing to the small number of men who responded to the whistle. At the Lehigh Valley's Yorktown working the same trouble was experienced.

As announced it would, Hazle mine made an effort to start up this morning and was successful. It is expected that by tomorrow all the hands will be at work. Only a small percentage failed to show up this morning.

Crystal Ridge and Cranberry are now working will full complements. Harwood started up this morning with almost its full force of men. The Lattimer mines has virtually every man at work.

PRESIDENT FAHY'S OPINION.

To a Tribune reporter President Fahy, of the Mine Workers' union, said that the failure of the strike will in no way retard the work of organizing the miners of the Lehigh region and that Thursday's district convention will be held as scheduled. He further stated in answer to several questions that the fight for a uniform scale will be prosecuted if the miners wish it. As some men will have their wages reduced if a scale is adopted, there is a dreaded possibility that a general rate for the region will not meet with unanimous favor. Unless the miners are willing to make concessions among themselves, the scheme for a uniformity of wages is impracticable. He fears that some difficulty will be experienced in this step. At all events, he says, there will be no further striking if the Mine Workers' union can prevent it. The motto of the organization is "Peace, Arbitration and Conciliation," and it is along these lines that the union will work for a redress of the miners' grievances, if indeed the union will be allowed to have control of the movement.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN FIRE.

An occurance which knocks endwise all calculations as to the withdrawal of the troops was the burning of the Evans Mining Company's breaker at Beaver Meadow tonight. It was undoubtedly of incendiary origin and is laid at the door of fanatical women who foolishly thought they were thus helping the strikers cause.

General Gobin is of the same opinion and tonight gave out that he had been in the receipt of an anonymous letter threatening the burning of breakers. If it is found that the dastardly work was the action of a crank or set of cranks it will not be so materially affect the present status of affairs regarding the withdrawal of the soldiers. Should it develop on the other hand that it was the work of strikers, it means a possible indefinite continuance of the soldiers presence.

T. J. D.

WOOED AND WON IN JAIL.

The Prisoner Was Led Out a Bridegroom.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 21.—William Parsons, a clerk in Armour's packing house, was sent to the county jail a few days ago. Miss Lenora Simmonds, a milliner, of Hazleton, Pa., had come here and accused him of assault. While he was in jail she obtained permission to read to the man, and finally she asked him to marry her. He accepted and she laid the case before County Clerk Gummere, who told her that two witnesses were necessary under the law.

Miss Simmonds telegraphed to her Hazleton friends, and two persons came here and identified her and Parsons. She obtained Parson's release after 'Squire Naar had performed the ceremony and the pair left for Hazleton, where Mrs. Parsons' brother is superintendent of the public schools.

SUICIDE TO EVADE HIS WIFE.

Philadelphia Woman Finds Her Husband in a Hospital.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 21.—Albert Nutt, of Philadelphia, a pensioner, whose wife came to this city several days ago to look him up, is now in the city hospital suffering from the effects of illuminating gas, which he inhaled at a hotel. Mrs. Nutt, who had a warrant issued for his arrest, on a charge of desertion, has been to the hospital several times to see him, but the doctors have refused her request.

Mrs. Nutt has the certificate of their first marriage, and also the one after the divorce, reconciliation and second marriage. She says she does not ...ink her husband is married to the woman he has been living with in this city.

WILL WITHDRAW TROOPS.

Governor Hastings Is Desirous of Saving the State Expense.

Harrisburg, Sept. 21.—Governor Hastings will have a conference with Adjutant General Stewart, General Gobin and other National Guard officers to consider the advisability of withdrawing the troops from Hazleton. It costs the state between $5,000 and $6,000 a day to keep the soldiers on duty and the governor is anxious to avoid this expense if he can be convinced there is no further need of it.

The probabilities are that before the close of the week all the soldiers, with the exception of a battalion of infantry and a troop of cavalry, will be withdrawn.

THE BURNING OF A BIG BREAKER

Theory That a Woman Had a Hand in the Fire--Conflagation at Beaver Meadow.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 21.—The Evans breaker of A. S. Van Wickle & Co., operated by Kennedy & Warner, at Beaver Meadow, four miles from here, was burned to the ground tonight. The operators are convinced that it was incendiary. The loss will be about $50,000. The breaker has been idle since noon last Tuesday, not in consequence of the strike, but on account of a lack of water. Tapping for water was to have been begun tomorrow and the breaker would have resumed work immediately. Mr. Warner said that so far as knew nobody had been about the breaker all day, none of the boilers were working and he could see no possibility of accident, especially in view of the fact that the flames originated at the top of the breaker, eighty feet above the ground. About fifty men were employed in the breaker and several hundred in the mines connected with it. All these men have been working continuously since the Lattimer shooting. They were driven out on two occasions about two weeks ago by bands of strikers from Coleraine, but returned afterwards. Mr. Warner declares that they had no grievances. There is a well founded theory that women had a hand in the fire, as one was heard to say today: "if we can't get the men out, we'll fix it so that they can't get in."

So far as has been discovered the fire broke out at about 7 o'clock this evening. The first intimation of it received by the people of Hazleton was the rising of columns of smoke and showers of sparks above the black line of hills flanking the eastern part of the city. A telephone message to Messrs. Kennedy and Warner, who were both in Hazleton, fixed the locality of the fire and they hurriedly drove over. The most intense excitement prevailed throughout the town, and the desolate mountain road leading to Beaver Meadow was soon crowded with teams and bicycles bearing people to the burning breaker.

That the gigantic structure was doomed to total destruction was a foregone conclsion. It would have been a physical impossibility for the Hazleton engines to reach the scene within an hour or more and even then there would have been little water at their disposal. That little which was available was utilized by the brigade regularly attached to the mines, but the thin streams were powerless upon the huge sheets of flame which spouted into the skies and through their weird reflections upon the gaunt trees and hill tops of the surrounding country.

By direction of the operators the first work of the mine firemen was directed to preventing the flames from reaching the mine slope. As an effective precaution the planes leading to the slope were blown up by eight or ten blasts of dynamite. The efforts of another part of the fire brigade were concentrated upon keeping the flames from the boiler house, a couple of hundred feet from the breaker. A short distance in the other direction were the powder houses, but all the powder was removed to a safe distance. The mine mules were also taken out of the stable and taken to place of safety. At 10 o'clock the breaker was still blazing viciously and the strongest kind of work was being done to prevent further spread of the flames.

PALACE DESTROYED.

Terrible Work of a Dynamite Bomb in Spain.

Madrid, Sept. 21.—According to telegrams from Oronso, capitol of the province of the same name, on the river Minho, the place of the Marquis of Lois has been destroyed by a dynamite bomb.

The outrage was perpetrated during the absence of the family and no one was injured.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 21.—A special to the Journal from McRae, Ga., says:

A terrible head-end collision occurred near Helena, on the Georgia and Alabama railroad today. Engineer J. D. Young and his fireman were killed. Conductor Boyd was badly hurt.

Platt Triumphant.

New York, Sept. 21.—The Republican primaries in Brooklyn tonight decided by their selection of delegates elected in favor of the Platt element. Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, who represents Platt's interests in Kings county, at a late hour said: "We carry the city convention by a vote of two to one. We cast 100,000 votes and we are certain of 15 assembly district out of 21."

Battleship Ashore.

Point Arena, Cal., Sept. 21.—The battleship Monterey, bound south from Puget sound, ran ashore in a fog six miles north of Point Arena lighthouse yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. The steamer got off three-quarters of an hour later and continued on her voyage. It is not thought much damage was done.

WAS ATTACKED IN CAMP LATTIMER

Four Hundred Armed Men Swoop Down Upon the Local Soldiers.

REPULSED AND MADE PRISONERS

Colonel Mattes Was Called Upon to Surrender and for an Answer Brought Out His Command and Lined Them Up in Fighting Array in Less Than Four Minutes Time. The Attacking Party Was Overawed by This Rapid Work and Threw Up Its Hands--Other Doings of the Day.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hazleton, Sept. 21.—There was a time of turmoil and excitement at Camp Lattimer today. Just about noon as the men were expecting the mess call a horseman dashed through the lines and up to headquarters dismounting in haste and hurrying to Colonel Mattes' tent. Some hurried words were spoken, the officer leaped into his saddle and dashed away with a clank and clatter. Colonel Mattes buckled on his sword and pistol and on a dead run ran down the line with his orderly summoning the officers to a hurried consultation.

In less than one minute after the horseman had made his consternation-scattering entree the long roll was sounding the assembly.

To the accompaniment of blowing bugles and beating drums, officers ran hither and thither, shouting orders and hurrying their men into line with commands that are military and others that are possibly not found in the code.

"Where the h—— is my bayonet?—What's the trouble?—Give me some ammunition—It's a wonder they wouldn't give us time to say our prayers—one, two, three, four, one two three—Let's be first out—take mine if you can't find your own," and such like yelling added not a little, as may be believed, to the general din and bustle.

Company E was first in line, Company F closely following. Stragglers running at the top of their speed to catch up with their companies, bumped one another and went sprawling on the hard ground. Sergeants with ammunition boxes went through the command as it formed at the colors and filled up the cartridge boxes. Even before all the companies were in line two of the companies were taken out and sent hobbling over the broken ground and through the underbrush towards the South. Another detachment cut through the woods to the southeast and another went on a double quick up the hill overlooking Harleigh.

As if all this wasn't enough to make the boys' hearts almost beat a tattoo, the signal corps at all four outposts wildly waved the "imminent danger" flag and rush to and fro from their outlook points to the signalling stand, and then gradually fall back wildly swinging the hair-raising, blood-chilling "danger."

TERMS OF CAPITULATION.

The rank gathered in Colonel Mattes' tent and discussed the terms of surrender; the file commingled on the cramped parade ground, exchanging jibes and witty repartee. The best the Thirteenth could offer was artesian well extract—this statement is made with a reservation clause as regards the officers, as the flap of the headquarters tent was closed. After a ten minute visit the assailants left amidst tumultuous cheering.

It was a bloodless battle and one that was enjoyed thoroughly by both besiegers and besieged. In addition to giving the boys a little recreation, it serves to show with what alacrity the Thirteenth could get together. No one could be found who had held a watch on the manoeuvring, but at a guess not over four minutes elapsed from the time the assembly sounded until there was a fighting line at Colonel Mattes' call.

There was another little interesting episode at Camp Lattimer yesterday, which, however, to some of the men is not now quite as interesting as it might be. Nine members of one of the Scranton companies, located on the west side—the name of the company is withheld for various considerations—made a daring and reckless break for a good time, last night. They put on full uniform and with shouldering guns and bayonets marched out of camp about 9 o'clock, passing the guard boldly and without halt, except long enough to say "patrol." The unsophisticated or careless guard took it for granted that it was a special patrol sent out to gather in "bummers" and let them pass without bothering to call the corporal. Once outside the lines the nine worthies hid their guns, took off the cross pieces and regiment numbers from their caps and started in to do Hazleton. About midnight, after they had broken more or less furniture here and there, "cleaned out" a couple of policemen and raised merry hades in general, they were captured by a squad dispatched from camp by Colonel Mattes immediately upon his learning, by a mere accident, of the bold episode. Today they were brought before the colonel and sentenced to twenty-four hours' police duty and a sacrifice of all privileges during the remainder of the encampment. Five non-coms among the offenders were reduced to the rank. It is likely that the punishment may be mitigated some, owing to a commendable act on the part of the prisoners during the excitement at noon. When the assembly was sounded they were in the guard house and could have remained there peacefully and free from all danger had they so willed. There was trouble, though, and they did not want to be excused from their share of the possible results and through a spirit of nothing else than noble soldiery, sent word to their captain to ask the colonel to let them have a piece of the scrap. The permission was granted and it is safe to say if there was any fighting the nine prisoners would have done something to redeem themselves.

A company of blue-capped, blue-coated men were discovered emerging from the brush at the crest of the Lattimer Hill. Another broken line of blue caps with grinning faces beneath and bayonets glittering in the sun bobbed up from the scumb to the South. The officers mischievous smiles, the sudden remembrance that the horseman with the dash and clank and clatter was a 9th Regiment officers and the quite general knowledge that the Wilkes-Barre sojers were out on a practice march told the whole story.

Long sighs were breathed, salivary glands resumed their wonted occupations, hearts dropped to their natural positions and everybody said to everybody else two or three times "Huh! I was on all the time."

The whole affair was concoted impromptu and for that reason was all the more successful and interesting. The practice march of the Ninth took them out near Lattimer and while entering the woods just below the town and before coming in sight of the outposts Colonel Dougherty and his staff evolved the idea of attacting the "Scrantoners" and making them prisoners and raiding their cellars. That there might be no possibility of danger Major McKee was despatched to give Colonel Mattes a hint.

"Colonel Dougherty presents his compliments and says he is about to attack your camp and desires to know if you will peaceably surrender.

"The commander of the Thirteenth presents his compliments to Colonel Dougherty and welcomes his attack We'll tell him about surrendering when he comes."

That's all there was of it but it was enough. Colonel Mattes as previously told hurried his men into fighting array and when the enemy appeared he was ready and waiting for him.

Major McKee was not despatched until the Ninth was at the school house not four hundred yards from the Thirteenth's camp. The outpost had seen their oncoming possibly a minute before but by the time they had the message communicated Major McKee was within the lines. Before the Ninth could march over the intervening four hundred yards Colonel Mattes had his men prepared for battle.

A detachment which attempted to crawl into the camp under cover of the brush was captured by Company C. It was the Pittston Regiment, Company I. Adjutant Mattes single handed brought in Adjutant Buss, who was bolted in the act of leaping his horse over a five bar fence at the grove on the south. Another detachment under Captain Dimmick brought in a company of Wilkes-Barre bucks who had thought to get in from the Harleigh side. Colonel Mattes and the bulk of his command "double-quicked" to the village and by a show of superior numbers overcame the main body of the assailant's and brought them into camp as prisoners of war.

NEW OUTPOST ESTABLISHED.

A new outpost has been established on Butler Hill, about a mile to the West of the camp, near the point where the five miners from Butler Valley were intercepted by strikers, yesterday morning. From this new post it is found possible to communicate by signals with the Ninth Regiment's signal station on top of the wind mill in Hazle park nearly five miles away. Tomorrow if the day is clear glasses will be taken into the tree tops and an effort made to get into communication with the Fourth regiment at Drifton, eight miles off to the east. Engineers familiar with the topography of the country say that this is possible.

Engineers from the Twelfth regiment engaged in making a reconnoisance map of the brigade camps and connecting roads spent a part of today at Camp Lattimer. Sergeant Thayer and Private Petit, were detailed to accompany them and render whatever assistance might be wanted.

Company B is on outpost duty today, Captain Robling is officer of the day; Lieutenant Kuhback, officer of the guard, and Private Zachman, of Company A, colonel's orderly. Charles W. Jones, of Company H, was colonel's orderly yesterday.

New shoes are being dealt out and each company is also getting an additional allowance of twenty blankets.

Many of the boys have constructed rude bedsteads and almost every company has set up a stove and "bumshanty."

Last night was the coldest so far. Snow fell at Drifton.

James Farlan, who came here as sutler for Hanley, has fallen in love with soldier life and will be sworn in as a member of Company A at its next meeting.

Mrs. Robert Peck, Mrs. D. J. Davis and Miss Emma Thomas were among today's visitors at camp. T. J. D.

POLICEMEN ON A JAUNT.

Wilmington Men Entertain Reading's Finest Corps.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 21.—More than fifty members of the Reading, Pa., police force and city officials were entertained by the Wilmington policemen today Mayor McLear, Police Commissioners Lawson, Pyle and Hart, and eighty-five uniformed Wilmington policemen, headed by Chief Dolan, met the visitors at the station and the party paraded to the city hall, where Mayor McLean made the welcome address, and Mayor Weidel, of Reading, responded.

The Wilmington force of eighty-five patrolmen, four cavalry officers and eight bicycle policemen then paraded on King street. The dinner at Turn ha.' was followed by a baseball game between the police of the two cities, Wilmington winning by a score of 19 to 12. After visiting points of interest in the city and New Castle, the party took a trip to Fort Delaware on the steamer Ulrom.

EARTHQUAKE AT ROME.

Rome, Sept. 21.—Two slight earthquake shocks were felt here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The subterraneous disturbance was also felt at Rimini, Fermor, Resanti, Bologna, Sinigaglia, Fabriano, Cagli, Florence and Ancona. At most places the people were panic-stricken and at Ancona a few old houses fell.

PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

Constantinople, Sept. 21.—The preliminary treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece, which was signed on Saturday by the representatives of the sultan and of the powers, has been ratified by the sultan.

A Revolution in Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Texas, Sept. 21.—Revolutionary disturbances have developed at Grenada and Jinotepe. Generals Paez and Alfaro, commanding the revolutionists, passed through Jinotepe, collecting arms, ammunition and money, but they had only about 200 men.

SHERIFF MARTIN HAS A HEARING

Bail Is Furnished for Sixty-four of His Deputies.

THE TESTIMONY OF EYE WITNESSES

Examination Proceeds Slowly--No One Testifies That Sheriff Martin Ordered the Shooting--Bail Is Furnished in the Sum of $256,000 by a Philadelphia Trust Company.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 21.—Sheriff Martin and his sixty-four deputies were given a preliminary hearing before the court today, charged with the killing of twenty-four striking miners near Lattimer on Friday, Sept. 10. The deputies were brought up from Hazleton under military escort. A large crowd met them at the depot, but they proceeded unmolested to the court house.

Judges Lynch and Bennett presided. Judge Lynch announced that the judges would sit as justices of the peace to hear testimony in the case.

John M. Garman opened for the prosecution and stated that he was employed to investigate the shooting at Lattimer and inquire if the sheriff and his deputies were justified in killing twenty-four men. He began by referring to "Dictator" Gobin, who refused to allow the deputies to be arrested when warrants were issued ten days ago. The attorney also referred to Coroner McKee being a major in the Ninth regiment and that his manner of procedure in the arrest of the deputies, and to his bringing them here surrounded by a military company with guns and bayonets.

Mr. Garman then made a motion, asking that the warrants of 'Squire Gorman be given the preference and that the deputies be remanded to the regular officers of the law.

Attorney John McGahren supported the plea of Mr. Garman, and said: "Will your honor allow a military officer to overawe the civil authorities? As I understand it, the military authorities are subservient to the authority of the civil law."

Judge Lynch replied that the judges did not act hastily but issued the warrant after due deliberation. The judge said that this hearing has nothing to do with the conduct of General Gobin. The court said the witnesses who were not present should be brought in and that the hearing could be proceeded with such witnesses as were present. Attorneys Garman and McGahren then notified the court that they would withdraw from the case. District Attorney Fell then took charge. Sheriff Martin was seated at the defendant's table surrounded by three lawyers.

JOHN WALSH'S TESTIMONY.

John Walsh, of Hazle township, was the first witness. He said: "I saw the strikers coming and went out to meet them and see what would happen. Some of the men carried clubs, and I told them to throw away their clubs. They did so. I got on a car and passed the strikers. The car with the deputies came along and blacked our car. Then we heard the strikers were going to Latitmer. One of the deputies, Ed. Turbach, got on our car. He said: 'I don't know what the sheriff means by taking us around like this without ordering us to shoot.' The deputies got off the car near Lattimer. Then the strikers came up and Deputy Mr. Hess walked out and cried: 'Halt.' Hess grabbed one of the strikers. There was a scuffle. The other strikers walked along past the deputies. I heard some one call 'fire.' Then I heard one shot, then another and then a regular volley. The men began to run, but the deputies kept on shooting. I was forty yards away. A few minutes after the shooting one man, William Rought, stepped up on the railroad tracks and deliberately shot at a man running through the woods."

"How long did the shooting last?" asked Mr. Fell.

"About five minutes. It was after all were done shooting that this deputy went on the railroad tracks and shot."

The witness named a number of deputies he saw among the crowd.

Jonathan Lichensberger, a Hazleton contractor, was the next witness. He said: "I was standing 160 yards away from the strikers as the trouble began. I saw Sheriff Martin approach the men. He had a paper in his hand, which he attempted to read. After reading the proclamation he ordered the crowd to go back. Then they had a scuffle with him. He drew his revolver, but some one grabbed his wrist and held up his sand so he could not do anything. Then the shooting began." Charles Gussrott, the school teacher at Lattimer, gave important testimony for the commonwealth.

THE AMOUNT OF BAIL.

At 1 p. m. the judges asked the district attorney what would be done with the prisoners until the hearing of the men is finished. Judge Lynch said that each man would be required to give bail or else go to jail. After a conference with District Attorney Fell the bail in each case was fixed at $4,000. Joseph A. Sim, trust officer of the City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety company, of Philadelphia, came forward to give bail for all of the deputies. The gentleman was armed with power of attorney from his company, and stated the trust company was worth about $350,000 over all indebtedness. The amount of bail required for the sixty-four deputies who were present was $256,000.

Court reassembled at 2.30 p. m. The examination of witnesses proceeded slowly. At 5 o'clock court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. It is doubtful if the evidence submitted will be strong enough to hold the defendants for court. No witness has yet testified that Sheriff Martin ordered the deputies to shoot. The withdrawal of Attorneys Garman and McGahren also weakens the case of the prosecution.

VICTIM OF A BRUTE.

Young Woman Knocked Down and Badly Injured.

Elkton, Md., Sept. 21.—An unknown colored man brutally assaulted Miss Lavinia Shaffer, aged 19, on East High street, last night. Miss Shaffer is employed as a domestic in the family of John T. Brown, on Main street, and had spent the evening at her home, on East High street. About 10.30 she left her home and started to go back to Mr. Brown's, when she noticed a colored man approaching. He struck her a stunning blow in the face, felling her to the pavement, cutting her mouth and causing blood to flow freely from her nose.

The brute then tried to choke her, but before he could accomplish his purpose her piercing screams had aroused the neighborhood, and in a short time a crowd had collected. The man made good his escape before he could be captured. A posse at once started to scour the neighborhood, but was unsuccessful.

CONVENTION CALLED OFF.

Democratic Societies Think Wilkes-Barre Has Trouble Enough.

Harrisburg, Sept. 21.—The annual convention of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania to have been held at Wilkes-Barre Sept. 28, has been called off owing to the disturbed condition of affairs in that locality. A meeting of the executive committee of the societies was held this afternoon at state headquarters in this city at which the following resolution was adopted:

"It does not, in the judgment of the executive committee, appear wise or seemly to convene a purely political assemblage in a district so disturbed and harrassed as that of which Wilkes-Barre is the center when the military forces of the state are indefinitely stationed, the people are mourning their dead and men of all parties are anxiously concerned as to local events of the most serious character. While the necessity for this action is regretted by the committee and may be disappointing to many delegates and others anticipating an agreeable visit to the hospitable city of Wilkes-Barre."

James Kerr, of Clearfield; A. H. Ladner, of Philadelphia, and William J. Brennen, of Pittsburg, were appointed a committee to fix the time and place of holding the convention.

FAIR AT PITTSTON.

Second Annual Meeting of Luzerne County Association.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, Sept. 21.—The second annual fair of the Luzerne County Fair association opened here today. The attendance was quite large and considerable interest was manifested, especially by the residents of this vicinity. The exhibits were large and varied. Music during the fair will be furnished by the celebrated Ninth Regiment band under the leadership of Professor Alexander. A troupe of Japanese jugglers are the chief attraction. They give an excellent exhibition. The principal feature yesterday was the bicycle races in which a number of Scranton wheelmen participated. The contests were exciting and the Scranton wheelmen captured several of the prizes.

The summary follows:

One mile novice—In the first lap of this race several of the riders had a spill. Harry Krausse came in first, Fred McKown second, C. A. Stroh third; time, 3.14½.

Two-mile lap—Van Valkenburg won in an exciting contest, C. E. Coleman second, Robert V. White, third; time, 4.28.

One mile handicap—Joseph J. Webber, 100 yards, first; C. A. Stroh, 90 yards, second; H. B. Strong, 70 yards, third; F. B. Reese, fourth. Time, 2.20.

Exhibition race to lower the track record of 2.15. Entries—Van Valkenburg, of Pittston, and Coleman, of Scranton. Coleman won. Time, 2.09. Van Valkenburg finished in 2.13.

Today the horse racing will begin. A. B. Stevens, of Scranton, will be the starter and other well known horsemen will occupy the other positions.

The list of entries for this afternoon follows: 2.29 class, L. A. Patterson, of Carbondale, enters bay mare Mollie B, s. g. Big Bones; William Hughes, Hazleton, enters bay mare Carrie; Stuart Fletcher, Herrick, enters b. s. Prince M; Del Foote, Scranton, enters ch. m. Mamie Gift; b. m. Springlight; John E. Davis, Taylor, enters b. m. Maggie Davis; M. L. Perrin, Pittston, enters b. g. General Meade; W. S. Smiles, Hazleton, b. g. Rex, b. g. Silver King; R. J. Buckley, Wilkes-Barre, enters b. m. Josephine; W. A. St. John, Scranton, enters b. m. Myrtle S; Elwood Smith, Wilkes-Barre, enters b. g. Fay; R. E. Westlake, Scranton, enters b. g. Theda.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS.

They Meet in Conference at Fall River, Mass.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 21.—The Primitive Methodist conference today outlined a plan for a correspondence college to be known as the Non-Resident School of Theology. This faculty was elected:

Rev. E. Humphries, president; Rev. Messrs. W. H. Acornley, W. H. Yarrow, W. B. Taylor, T. M. Bateman, D. D., Charles Prosser, Scranton; Thomas G. Spencer, Brown university; Alfred Humphries, John Johns, Avoca, Pa.

Rev. T. J. Barlow was elected treasurer of the conference; Rev. H. W. Matthews, agent and publisher of the conference.

The revision of the ritual was entrusted to Rev. Alfred Humphries and J. J. Arnaud.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Issue of pension certificates for Sept. 8. Pennsylvania: Original—John M. Connor, dead, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne; Robert Wallace, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne; Henry C. Witmer, Christiana, Lancaster. Additional—John C. James, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne. Increase—Johnston C. Akers, Altoona, Blair. Original widow—Ida V. Curtis, Avoca, Luzerne; Evalin W. Gates, Duncansville, Blair; Cinderella Connor, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne.

Duped the English Nobility.

London, Sept. 21.—J. H. I. Cruikshank's trial for defrauding Lady Randolph Churchill and her sisters, Mrs. Moreton Frewer and Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Drake-Brockman, Viscount Hallington and others of the nobility out of $50,000 in an alleged American railroad syndicate, was today continued for a week. The women intended to grow suddenly wealthy and surprise their husbands.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Generally Fair; Warmer.

1 General—Status of the Hazleton Strike.
Sheriff Martin and Deputies Have a Hearing.
Thirteenth Attacked at Camp Lattimer.
2 Sport—Eastern and National League Base Ball Games.
Great Old Turf Episodes.
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YELLOW FEVER ON THE WANE

Most of the Cases Are Said to Be Progressing Favorably.

BUT THE SCARE CONTINUES

Rigid Quarantine Regulations Are Observed.

The Mobile and Ohio Railroad Abandons Two of Its Passenger Trains. No Passengers Are Allowed to Land at Jackson--Twenty-Eight Cases Under Treatment at Mobile and Only Three Deaths Reported.

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—There were nine cases of yellow fever reported to the board of health this afternoon at 6 o'clock. There were, however, no deaths recorded and the doctors all agreed this evening that the situation was steadily improving. The fever at present, instead of developing into a malignant type, is as mild if not milder, than when it first appeared.

Tonight, the inspectors of the board of health reported that most of the cases that had come under their observation were progressing favorably. There are only two cases which give the attending physicians any reason for alarm.

Meridian, Miss., Sept. 21.—The Mobile and Ohio railroad has abandoned two of its passenger trains on account of the yellow fever. The company will run one train each way every day.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 21.—A special train came from Meridian today with Judge J. W. Fewell, representing the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad, Governor McLaurin and others. The train stopped at Farish bridge, where Drs. Hunter, Todd and McLean, Mayor Wharton, Chief of Police Ewing and Aldermen Todd, Manship and Lamon were awaiting for a general conference on opening communication.

Governor McLaurin was chairman. It was agreed that all trains take no passengers for local points.

Trains not to stop between Vicksburg and Jackson, but may stop at quarantine stations beyond Jackson, west; police to inspect baggage and mails. No passengers to be taken for Jackson from any point.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 21.—There was but one case of yellow fever reported today. One case was discharged, leaving under treatment twenty-eight, all of whom are progressing favorably. There have been but three deaths and none since yesterday.

ASYLUM CRUELTY ALLEGED.

A Pittsburg Clergyman Complains About Wernersville.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 21.—In a complaint mailed to Cadwallader Biddle secretary of the state board of charities, Rev. E. R. Donehoe, of this city, makes this serious charge against the state asylum for the insane at Wernersville.

"Authority has been conferred upon the state institution at Wernersville for the insane to use the labor of the indigent insane with a view to make the institution self-sustaining. I have learned that the plan was a most calamitous one to the welfare of the indigent insane who had been brought under its operation. I learned that able-bodied men who have been removed from Dixmont to Wernersville, in excellent physical condition, had been, after a period of service, returned to that institution physical wrecks.

"Women, aparently strong and healthy in body and comfortably clad, had been taken from Dixmont to Wernersville and subsequently returned broken down in body and sadly crazed in mind, and so thinly clad as to stir the hearts of those who receive them back with profoundest pity and indignation."

Mr. Donehoe concludes by asking an investigation.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Meeting of the American National Society at Boston.

Boston, Sept. 21.—The last day's session of the American National Baptist convention opened today in the Ebenezer Baptist church with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. M. L. Copeland, of Wichita, Kan. Rev. John H. Frank was chosen chairman of the foreign mission board and Rev. J. P. Robinson, chairman of the home missionary board.

Rev. Dr. Wheeler, chaplain of the late Fifty-fourth Massachusetts regiment, addressed the convention. Resolutions were adopted petitioning the members of the national convention of the United States to grant the following states permission to form a separate organization to prosecute foreign mission work: North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and the District of Columbia.

Resolutions were adopted condemning lynching.

The meeting then adjourned to meet next year in Kansas City.

Suicide of a Veteran.

Baltimore, Sept. 21.—William Howard, aged 66 years, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, committed suicide this morning at his residence, 881 Ramsey street, by firing a bullet into his right temple. Mental derangement is given as the cause. A widow, three sons and three daughters survive him.

Mr. McKinley's Tour.

Washington, Sept. 21.—President McKinley and party left the city tonight via the Pennsylvania, for Adams, Mass., where they will be the guests of Hon. W. B. Plunkett.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Sept. 22.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to partly cloudy, slightly warmer weather will prevail till noon, with fresh and brisk northerly to easterly winds, increasing dangerously in force and followed by rain squalls on and near the coasts as the tropical cyclone on the gulf stream advances northward.