

Ex-County Officials Are Surcharged by Auditors

Charge That Former Commissioners of This County Were Overpaid—An Appeal is Taken in Case.

The county auditors in their annual report made public Wednesday, surcharge E. M. Ansley, of Chambersville, and John Bennett, of Blairsville, former members of the board of county commissioners, \$330 each on the grounds that they were overpaid that amount. J. M. Wakefield, the other member of the board, who received the same amount as Ansley and Bennett, has returned \$330 to the county.

By a recent act of the legislature the salaries of county commissioners who serve as poor directors in counties of specified population were increased to \$1,800. Indiana county comes under the provisions of the act and the board of county commissioners took advantage of the increase, which amounted to \$330 each, from the time the act went into effect until the expiration of

their terms.

The auditors in turn surcharged them for the amount on the ground that an act to increase the salaries of constitutional officers in power. The commissioners and their legal advisors declare that the office of poor director is not a constitutional office, but an elective one, and that they are therefore entitled to the increase. The matter will be appealed to the local court for decision in the near future. A similar condition presented itself four years ago when a board of commissioners, of which the present commissioner, J. M. Marshall, was a member, was surcharged for overpay in salary.

The case was appealed to Judge S. J. Telford, who allowed the increase on the grounds that poor director is not a constitutional office.

Adrian Miners Back to Work

All Locals Have Now Received Official Notice of the New Scale.

The miners employed in the Adrian operation of the R. & P. Coal and Iron Company returned to work yesterday. Three of the mines of this company that have been idle for several days have now resumed operation and it is expected that the differences existing at the other plants will shortly be adjusted.

Vice President Charles O'Neil of the United Mine Workers, district No. 2, states that every miners' local in the central Pennsylvania field has received the official endorsement of the recently signed scale agreement. "I have heard from a number of districts," said Mr. O'Neil, "and it seems to meet with general approval."

"In March, instructions were given the men to continue at work until April 20 at least. In some localities, we understand, the men have discontinued work."

"Was it the idea that they should cease their labors April 20?" Mr. O'Neil was asked.

"Here and there," said Mr. O'Neil, "miners are out because of local conditions, but the great majority of men are at work and will continue at work. The March notice instructed them to remain at their posts until ordered out by the union heads. Needless to say, we have not ordered them out. I expect to see the recently signed agreement ratified by a large vote, as letters received by the locals contained our endorsement of the agreement."

HOMER CITY COUPLE MARRY

HOMER CITY, April 27—Justin S. Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Byers and Miss Ethel C. Dick, of Homer City, were married in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dick, on Monday, April 24. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. A. Magill. The couple will live in Homer City. Mr. Byers being a chemist by trade.

Town News

Pension Bureau Delayed—Owing to the illness of Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh, it is likely that this county will have to postpone its establishment of a mothers' pension bureau. The governor has not as yet appointed the county pension board.

The Shick Printing Co.—Mr. James Shick, who for many years has been employed by Henry Hall, the printer and stationer, has opened up a shop of his own in the White Building. He has a very modern equipment and according to his smile, Mr. Shick is doing well. We wish the new printing company success.

Candidates File Papers—Among those filing nomination papers at Harrisburg last week were, for Assembly, M. C. Watson and Wilmer H. Wood, Republican; John A. Remaley, Democrat; and J. S. Kirkwood, Prohibitionist.

Improving—The many friends of Sheriff J. C. McGregor will be pleased to learn that he is slowly on the mend. We hope when the weather gets balmy to see Mr. McGregor's smiling countenance again on our busy streets.

Veteran Dead—William Henry Ruffner, aged 69 years, a veteran of the Civil War and a resident of Indiana county for many years, died at his home on S. Third street Saturday evening, April 22, at 5 o'clock. Death was due to cancer, he having been a patient sufferer for nearly a year.

New Truck—A new Buick truck has been purchased and is now in service for the local establishment of the Lauderbach-Barber Company. The truck has a capacity of a ton and a half and is an efficient looking affair.

List of Letters—Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office April 22, 1916:

F. H. Barber, Fred Berry, Mrs. H. C. Bloomer, Miss June Cummins, Prof. Frank Drew, F. B. Eastborne, Miss Elizabeth Kinter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Harry Little, Mr. Continued on page 4.



U. S. MOUNTAIN BATTERY, PART OF PUNITIVE EXPEDITION SENT AFTER BANDIT VILLA. The type of Mountain Battery which is part of the Punitive Expedition into Mexico, in an effort to get Villa, dead or alive, and to wipe out his marauding bands of followers. These men, seasoned campaigners many of them, veterans of Indian campaigns are familiar with the kind of war waged by Villa in his fight against extermination.

Martial Law Declared Throughout Ireland

Warships Train Guns on Dublin As Revolt Grips Entire Island—Rebels Hold Sway in Capital and Menace Government Property—Machine Guns Mounted on the Roofs to Quell All the Attacks of the Ricters.

London, Apr. 28—Martial law has been declared in all Ireland. Fighting is going on in the streets of Dublin, and it is rumored that many persons have been killed and wounded.

British warships are anchored in Dublin bay, opposite the city, and have their guns trained on the city ready for instant use.

That the rebels had sacked parts of Dublin, but that the banks were in no immediate danger of being looted, was admitted by Premier Asquith.

All government and financial property in the capital is said to be guarded by troops and machine guns have been mounted on the roofs of many buildings ready for instant use should the occasion demand.

Premier Asquith told the house the Irish situation still presented serious features today, and that there were indications of a spread of the movement to other parts of Ireland, especially in the west.

The premier said there would be a searching investigation into the cause of and responsibility for the outbreak. He added that it was obviously necessary to exercise military censorship while martial law prevailed in Ireland.

Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond, who were the leaders of the opposing factions in the Irish home rule controversy, expressed in the house of commons their abhorrence of the uprising and their desire to support the government.

The premier announced that Maj. Gen. Sir John Maxwell, who formerly commanded the British forces in Egypt, was leaving this afternoon for Ireland.

The general has been given plenary powers, under martial law, over the whole country. The troops in Ireland have been and are being strongly reinforced, Mr. Asquith added, and the government was satisfied the force dispatched was adequate to deal with the situation.

The Irish authorities will place themselves at the disposal of Maj. Gen. Maxwell to carry out his instructions. Organizing a Sunday school. Services were held in the first-aid rooms with 42 persons present. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, W. K. Ray; Assistant, Bert Fisher; Secretary, William White; Treasurer, Thomas White. Services will be held every Sunday at 2:30 o'clock.

NO CHANGE IN THE MINING SITUATION IN DISTRICT

There is no change in the mining situation in this region today. The Walston, Eleanor, Florence, Lucerne and Ernest mines are still idle, but the prospects of a resumption at the majority of these mines within the week is highly probable. Neither the operators nor the miners anticipate a prolonged shutdown at any of the mines.

FEDERAL BUILDING FOR INDIANA SOON

A new federal building is to be erected in Indiana in the near future. The government officials have been looking over the local situation and are satisfied that the present postoffice is overcrowded. It is expected that the contract for a modern structure will be awarded in the near future.

LUCINSBORO ORGANIZED SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 23.

HOMER CITY, April 27—Lucinsboro, the new town near here, celebrated Easter by or-

FLORENCE HASINGER SHEA DEAD.

Mrs. Florence Hasinger, Shea, wife of C. J. Shea, of Wilkes Barre, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clement Hasinger, of School street, died in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., last Sunday night. She leaves her husband; two children, James and Mary Louise Shea.

SAXMAN QUILTS THE EBENSBURG COAL CO.

COLVER April 27—E. F. Saxman of Philadelphia, for some time vice president and general manager of the Ebensburg Coal Co. at Colver, has resigned his position. Mr. Saxman has been a coal operator in this state for a number of years.

PROBE ROBINDALE DISASTER, MAY 9

Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh, of Indiana county, has selected May 9 as the date for the inquest into the disaster which caused the death of eight men in the Robindale mine of the Cone-maugh Smokeless Coal Co. The inquest will be held at Indiana, the coroner announced.

Mine inspectors, mine officials, miners and others connected with the Robindale disaster will testify at the hearing. The case is attracting the attention of mining men from all parts of the country.

Almost a month ago the explosion occurred in the Robindale mine. Eight men lost their lives. Seven bodies were removed some hours after the disaster. The mine filled up with water and it was found impossible to recover the eighth body, that of Thomas Hoover.

After more than a score of days the water was drained from the mine and the dismembered body of the workman recovered Friday evening.

Mining men have advanced the theory that gas was ignited by the use of open lamps by the miners.

CAN MAKE MOTOR DO WORK OF GASOLINE

ELMIRA, N. Y. April 27—Edward Lewis, a local inventor, says he can make a motor perform the same function as gasoline with one ounce of sulphuric acid to each gallon of water.

More Plants Are Closed in Pittsburgh

Other Works of the Westinghouse Company Now Practically Idle, the Shadyside and Twenty-Eighth Street Mills Being Shut Down.

The Westinghouse strikers today had succeeded in closing all the plants of the Westinghouse company.

Inability to operate its plants was admitted by the company today when it closed the Shadyside plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, employing 1,500 mechanics. There was no disorder, the men finding notices posted that the plant had been closed and returning to their homes.

The company also closed the plant at Twenty-eighth street and the Allegheny Valley railroad. Superintendent J. E. Barkell said nearly 450 men were employed there.

James O'Connell, president of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor, left Washington, D. C., for the scene of the big Westinghouse strike and he is expected in Pittsburgh some time this afternoon.

Mr. O'Connell is coming here to look over the strike situation and make a report on it to William B. Wilson, secretary of labor in President Wilson's cabinet.

Patrick Gilday, state mediator for Pennsylvania, today is endeavoring to arrange a conference between the employers and the employes, and come to some sort of understanding between them.

Big mass meetings were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Swissvale, Turtle Creek, Wilmerding and East Pittsburgh, when men were selected to make up the general strike committee.

Peace reigned in the Turtle Creek valley strike zone today, and the streets practically were deserted. Pickets were stationed at the various plants, but they had little or nothing to do.

Only at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing plant in East Pittsburgh did any employes show up for work, but the strikers declared most of them were office employes. Ten pickets were on duty at the bridge, but they did not stop any of the men entering the plant.

At the airbrake plant in Wilmerding and the Switch and Signal plant at Swissvale, the plants were closed, and no workmen entered save engineers for the boiler houses and trains. It is necessary to keep the boilers of the plants in operation and many cars in the yards must be moved.

Last Warning to Owners of Dogs

There remains but three days after today in which dog tax may be paid. If you wish to save your dog from the executioner, who will appear on May 1 or soon thereafter, you had better attend to this now. Licenses may be had of your assessor at the commissioners' office. The constable who kills the dogs will have no authority to issue licenses. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Get busy!

County Commissioners, Indiana, Pa., April 26, 1916.

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