

WAGE AGREEMENT NOW SEEMS TO BE CERTAIN

MINERS AND OPERATORS ARE TO COME TO TERMS

So Far, However, the Conference Has Not Agreed on Any of the Demands.

TO ADJOURN NEXT WEEK

Sub-Committees May Take the Matter Up after the Anthracite Conference.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 10.—Operators and miners of the central competitive coal field in joint conference here to arrange a new wage scale for western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, continued discussion today on the mine run question. Aside from the demands asking increases in wages ranging from ten to twenty per cent, according to the class of work, the mine run demand is the most important before the conference.

President John P. White, of the miner's union is on record as declaring that the operators must concede this demand. Western Pennsylvania operators strongly oppose granting it. They assert that both miners and operators are better off by sticking to the screen system.

Operators and miners both said today they do not expect any important developments until after each of the eleven demands had been thoroughly considered. It is then probable sub-committees will be appointed to endeavor to agree on a wage scale. This may take some time and an adjournment next week until after the anthracite conference, which begins February 21, is not unlikely.

Operators and miners express the opinion that a wage agreement will be negotiated, but no one ventures a prediction as to what concessions either side will make.

INTEREST

In Greatest Revival Ever Held in First Methodist Church Continues to Grow.

Despite the fact that the weather has been for the most part decidedly inclement, the interest continues in the great revival being held in the First Methodist Episcopal church. Last night the seating capacity was all taken up in the main building. The sermon was another of those masterly orations against the elements of evil and the inhabitants of the realm of darkness. So impressive were the words of Dr. Morrison that a number came forward at once on the first invitation.

The music was exceptionally good and showed a steady degree of improvement in Hlat's big chorus. There was a splendid attendance at the noonday luncheon. The meeting yesterday afternoon for women was very interesting and the number present exceeded the expectations of the pastor, Dr. King, who has charge of the plans and field work in the big revival.

Services will be held this evening at the regular hour.

CASUALTY LISTS

Of Prussians in the European War Shows Losses Running into Millions.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Amsterdam Courant states that the Prussian casualty lists Nos. 420 to 429, show 19,339 dead, wounded and missing, and Prussian lists Nos. 430 to 439 show 18,339 dead, wounded and missing. The total Prussian losses are computed by this paper at 2,377,278. The German military losses include also 335 lists of casualties of Wurttemberg forces, 247 Bavarian lists, 248 Saxon lists, sixty navy lists, and some lists concerning German officers in the Turkish service, according to the Courant.

DEPUTY CLERK

To Be Stationed Here Will Be a Former Resident of Philadelphia, Says Report.

Since the appointment of Samuel R. Harrison to the United States court clerkship, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles B. Kefauver, there have been various rumors as to who would land the deputy clerkship here, where it is said the headquarters of Clerk Harrison will be maintained.

A telegram from Fairmont is to the effect that a young man named Merrill of Philadelphia, a graduate of Yale and a close friend of Judge Dayton, may land the deputyship at Clarksburg, the telegram stating that the report came from a reliable source. Mr. Harrison is arranging for his bond of \$30,000, and when this is filed and approved, and when he takes the oath of office, he will assume the duties of the position.

COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

The county lunacy commission Wednesday evening committed Susan Edline, of Gore, a lunatic, to the state hospital at Weston.

HAPPY SELECTION FOR COURT CLERK.

The Parkersburg State Journal comments as follows on the appointment of Samuel R. Harrison, of this city, as clerk of the United States district court: The appointment by Judge Dayton of the Hon. Samuel R. Harrison, of Clarksburg, to be clerk of the United States district court for the Northern district of West Virginia, is a fortunate one—made so not only by the peculiar fitness of the appointee but by another circumstance that is almost equally affirmative.

Mr. Harrison was clerk of the United States circuit court when that tribunal was abolished and the clerkship along with it by congressional action. The two courts were merged into one, and the life tenure of Mr. Harrison in office was brought to a termination. The vacancy has afforded an opportunity to restore him to a post that he was well fitted to serve and out of which he had been ministered by circumstances.

Mr. Harrison's appointment will be pleasing to his friends and particularly so to the patrons of the office, because of his efficiency and courtesy. It palliates so far as may be the profound sense of loss that was occasioned by the untimely death of his beloved predecessor.

FLUHARTY SAYS

There is Some Truth in the Story Published in Exponent but Not Very Much.

When asked this morning whether it is a fact that he was arrested yesterday by Officer Bartlett on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Peeples, charging him with attempting to defraud her out of board money Charles O. Fluharty, Democratic candidate for the nomination for mayor of Clarksburg, declared that there was some truth in the story. In fact it has more truth than poetry.

Fluharty says he was not taken into custody and brought before a magistrate. He read the warrant and went with the constable directly to the Peoples home, where he arranged to make settlement. "Now this looks pretty black," said Fluharty, "however, it will do me no harm when the public learns that the board-bill was some tramp tickets which some tramp printers boarded out last summer and left without paying."

"As to the slighting which the Exponent employed in finding out the truth, was uncalled for, there was nothing secret about it at all. When the fellows failed to pay their board, they being in my employ, I had to settle it—and I did. Coming at this time it will prove the old adage, 'every knock's a booting.'"

Fluharty is showing the following signed statement: "Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 9, 1916. 'I wish to state that the accounts against Mr. Fluharty were not his own personally, but for men who worked for him last summer. 'MRS. M. L. PEEPLES.'"

CHARTERS

Are Issued to Three New Incorporations by the Secretary of State.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 10.—The secretary of state has issued the following charters: The Wellburg and Eastern Railway Company, authorized capital \$5,000. The incorporators, all of Wellburg, are: H. J. Arben, C. C. Schmidt, Will Moran, E. S. Romine and Harry O. Wells.

The American Colonization and Development Company, of Fairmont, which proposes to develop lands for colony settlement in Tucker county. Authorized capital, \$100,000, and the incorporators are: M. N. Glumlich, the Rev. L. Zerna and Eli Lesano, of Fairmont; A. L. Nicklech, of Edgemoor, and Peter Byellek, of Granttown.

The Household Specialty Company, of Clarksburg, authorized capital, \$10,000. Incorporators: F. P. Robinson, W. F. Margeson, C. E. Margeson, C. E. Eteese and Martin Schultz, all of Clarksburg. The Bailey Grocery Company, of Huntington, was chartered with an authorized capital of \$15,000. The incorporators, all of Huntington, are E. S. Baller, A. M. Billard, W. H. Blake, J. H. Gould and H. N. Davis.

MINERS STRIKE.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 10.—Nine hundred miners employed in three mines of the Ford Collieries Company at Culmerville, near here, struck today to enforce a demand that the company reduce the price of powder from eight to five cents a package.

HOTEL FIRE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 10.—Fire early today destroyed the York Run hotel and a brick business block in York Run, this county. Fifteen guests in the hotel had narrow escapes. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

MR. CARMALT CHALLENGES ASSERTION OF MR. THORNE

That Mr. Brandies Did Not Act in Good Faith in Railroad Case.

NOTHING TO CONCEAL

Tells the Committee That the Position of Brandies in Case Was Unknown to Him.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—James W. Carmalt, chief examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission before the Senate sub-committee investigating the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court bench Thursday challenged the declaration of Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa railroad commission, that Mr. Brandeis had concealed from him the attitude he would take in arguing the eastern freight rate case before the commission.

Wednesday Mr. Thorne, who was associated with Mr. Brandeis in the trial of the rate case for shippers and the commission, declared he was "dumbfounded" when Brandeis at the outset of his closing argument conceded the contention of the railroads that existing rate returns were inadequate for the prosperity of the roads and the best interests of the public.

"There is one incident firmly fixed in my mind," said Mr. Carmalt, "regarding a conversation Mr. Thorne had with me on the second day of the argument on the rate case. Mr. Thorne, I understand, stated that when the commission fixed the allotment of time for attorneys to argue the case he had asked the privilege of being permitted to follow counsel for the shippers instead of opening the argument."

"Mr. Thorne asked me what Mr. Brandeis' position would be in the argument. There was no doubt in my mind what Mr. Brandeis' position would be. I had discussed it with him and he had told me. There certainly was no disposition to conceal it from Mr. Thorne. I am confident that I told Mr. Thorne that Mr. Brandeis would take the position that the net operating income of the carriers was not adequate with special attention on the central freight association territory. Further, I said he would take the position that the methods pursued by the carriers to obtain greater revenue through a horizontal five per cent increase was not the proper method of increasing their revenues."

"I am quite clear that it was the result of this conversation that Mr. Thorne wrote Mr. Brandeis a note asking about a change in the allotment of time. It is very strongly my impression that because Mr. Thorne recognized the attitude Mr. Brandeis would take that Mr. Brandeis got the conception that Mr. Thorne wanted an opportunity to answer him in addition to his main argument in the case."

Chairman Chilton stated that his understanding was that Mr. Brandeis was employed to assist in developing "all sides of the case" and asked Carmalt if Brandeis helped Thorne develop his side. Carmalt replied that he did and said that the data collected from the railroads by the commission under the general direction of Mr. Brandeis was available to all.

CHECK GIVEN

By Fluharty to Constable Reuben Bartlett and Not to Justice Nicewarner.

Concerning an article in Thursday morning's Exponent, the following affidavit has been made and handed the Telegram for publication: State of West Virginia, County of Harrison:

This day Reuben Bartlett personally appeared before me, T. G. Nicewarner, a justice of Harrison county, and being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says he did receive a check made to him by C. O. Fluharty, for a board bill for \$25.00 and not Squire Nicewarner, as the American-Exponent stated.

R. J. BARTLETT, C. H. C. Taken, subscribed and sworn to this 14th day of February, 1916. T. G. NICEWARNER, J. P.

UNFILLED TONNAGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on January 31, amounted to 7,922,767 tons, according to the monthly statement issued Thursday. This is an increase of 116,447 tons over December.

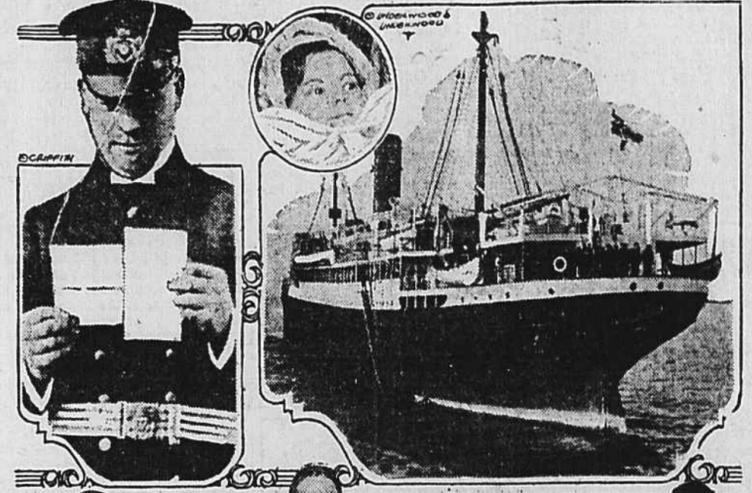
BROOKS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died at his home here Thursday of heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several months. His death was sudden.

ARTILLERY DUEL.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The artillery duel between the French and German is continuing in the Artois district, according to the statement of the French war office Thursday.

FEATS OF GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER NOT ALL TOLD, SAYS BERG; HAS NO FEAR THAT BRITISH WILL CAPTURE MYSTERIOUS MOEWIE



Captain Hans Berg; only baby on Appam when Germans captured it; Appam at anchor at Hampton Roads, captains of British vessels sunk by German commerce raider.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 10.—Lieutenant Hans Berg, who, with a crew of twenty-two Germans, brought the captured British liner Appam to Hampton Roads after a voyage of over 3,000 miles from the Canary Islands, talked of the German raider that captured the vessel and the voyage of the Appam. He declined to give a description of the Moewie.

"It is a good vessel," he said. "It is better than the average craft we sail freighters. I would feel safe on it as I would on a cruiser. It cannot be sunk easily and it can fight—oh it can fight terribly."

"Did you really come through the Kiel canal on the Moewie?" he was asked.

"That, my friend, is a war secret. Do you think a vessel with guns fore and aft, with mines, torpedoes and ammunition of many kinds on board, could get by many enemy warships? If you believe it possible to do that, then I will say we came from Kiel. We did not grow in the Atlantic ocean. We did not find guns on the shores around the Canary Islands and what ammunition we got of captured ships would not have sunk one of the vessels we captured."

Long Out in the Atlantic. "We were in the Atlantic long before we sank the seven ships you have heard of. You will hear of others that have gone down from shells fired by the Moewie."

"But don't you think the British fleet will capture and sink the Moewie?"

"They will not know it. It has flown the British flag before and passed British warships. It has answered their signals. It has told them there were no German ships around. It can give any name it likes. It has no name that they can see."

"If they chase it, it will be a fine race. I would like to see it. She will run them perhaps all the way to America. It is so fast that it could have captured the Appam if we had advised Captain Harrison ten miles away that we were coming after him."

"We captured the Appam by fooling the enemy. That is a part of war. We do not match for us in a battle and then closed in on him. When a naval officer ran toward the gun on the Appam we opened fire on it. But only a few shots were fired."

Fired on Two Ships at Once. "We had the most excitement on January 11, when we sighted the British steamers Corbridge and Faringford almost at the same time. We decided to take both ships at once and we started first for the Corbridge. We signalled the vessel to stop and fired at it. We kept our forward gun trained on it and after guns on the Corbridge. The Corbridge was nearer and we were sure of taking it. The Faringford tried to get away, but we ran it down about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We were dropping shells near the Corbridge all during the chase and did not stop until it hoisted a signal of surrender."

"We brought both vessels near and sent a boarding party to each. We blew up the Faringford with a few mines. The Corbridge was still afloat when I last saw it. It had a good supply of coal and we needed it."

"The capture of the other steamers was not important. We were disappointed in most of them and lost one of the ships we wanted most."

TRIAL STOPPED

When the Woman in the Case Agrees to Drop Suit for Breach of Promise.

FINDLAY, O., Feb. 10.—Just before Miss Ada Warner, 40, was to have been placed on trial here today on a charge of shooting her former lover, Norris H. Powell, 43, November 13 last, it was announced that the charge had been dropped by Powell on condition that Miss Warner drop her breach of promise action against him for \$10,000.

This settlement marks the end of one of the strangest cases ever brought into the Ohio courts. Miss Warner was charged with having donned men's clothes and entered at night Powell's home where he lived alone, demanding that he marry her and when he refused she is said to have shot him. He was found with a bullet in his lung by neighbors and told this story.

Miss Warner was found an hour later at her home with knife wounds in her neck, indicating attempted suicide. Miss Warner in her suit alleged that Powell had promised to marry her twenty-two years ago, and that she waited for him twenty years until his mother died, and then learned that he did not intend to marry her.

WIFE PREFERS A CHARGE.

Clarence Prunty, who was recently jailed on a charge of shooting at his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lilly Church, has been served with a warrant in which he is charged with threatening to kill his wife, Mrs. Prunty having had it issued in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court. Both cases were scheduled for trial late Thursday afternoon.

SHOOTING TRAGEDY ENACTED ON TRAIN

Man Shoots Wife, Mother-in-Law, Brother-in-Law and Tries to Kill Himself.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 10.—Boarding a Pennsylvania train at Centerville, near here, this morning, Edward Ryan walked into a car in which were seated his wife, Mrs. Lulu Ryan, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jane Shaneycroft, and his brother-in-law, John Shaneycroft, and shot each of them. He then tried to kill himself, but was overpowered by the train crew, who turned him over to the police at West Brownsville.

Ryan, who has been separated from his wife for several weeks, shouted that he would kill her and he pressed the revolver against his wife's bosom. The shot went high and through her shoulder. He then pressed the revolver against Mrs. Shaneycroft's head, but she grasped the barrel and pushed the weapon aside. Her finger, however, was blown off. John Shaneycroft was next shot, two other bullets being sent after him as he ran from the car. The women were taken to the Uniontown hospital.

ALL DEEDS

Should Be Recorded by the First of April, Says the Clerk.

All those who have deeds to record should have them in the hands of County Clerk J. J. Crews for recording before April 1, in order that the taxes for 1916 can be assessed against the new owners. If the deeds are not recorded by the date mentioned the taxes will be assessed against the former owners. Those interested will no doubt take advantage and have the deeds in the county clerk's office on or before April 1.

AGNEW DEAD

Well Known Oil Operator Dies in Zanesville as the Result of Infirmities.

ZANESVILLE, Feb. 10.—Samuel B. Agnew, aged 73, one of the leading and best known oil operators in eastern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, is dead at his home, 1019 Maple avenue, after an illness of one week from infirmities.

Although retired for the last ten years, Mr. Agnew was president of the Agnew Torpedo Company, a West Virginia corporation, with head offices in this city and branches in Sistersville, Cairo, Spencer and Pennsylvania, W. Va. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to America in 1859, when he located in Erie, Pa. During the following years he was actively engaged as an oil operator and followed the development of the fields in Pleasantville, Oil City, Beaver, Bradford and Washington, Pa.; Sistersville, W. Va., and throughout the West Virginia and Ohio fields. With his family he located in Zanesville about five years ago.

The body was taken to Sistersville where interment was made Thursday.

GASSAWAY RATES.

Under advisement by the state public service commission is the application of the Gassaway Development Company to increase rates charged consumers of water at the Braxton county town, the case having been heard by the commission.

MARKETING FACILITIES TO BE BETTER

Co-operation Selling and Readjustment of Rates Planned by Farm Official.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 10.—West Virginia, fruit growers are about to come into their own, is the belief of Colonel C. C. Pierce, of Kingwood, who is in charge of the markets division of the state department of agriculture. Colonel Pierce, who came to the city to confer with his chief, Commissioner Howard Williams, spoke optimistically this morning of the outlook.

The plans of the divisions now are first to organize the growers and truck gardeners of the state into co-operative selling organizations and then to bring about an opening of the outside markets through better transportation facilities brought about largely through a readjustment of rates. One of the objects of the division is to educate the shippers to better packing of their shipments.

"Much has already been done," said Colonel Pierce, "but we are going to do more. In 1914, for example, only 11 cars were shipped to the markets of the South; in 1915 over 100 cars were sent; and through the reduction of freight rates in the middle of the season, shipments were quadrupled to points west of the Ohio river. The aim is now to open up the markets further West and South."

Colonel Pierce cited an instance of the inequalities in freight rates that are said to exist. It cost \$274 to ship a car of peaches from Romney to Logan, this state, and the same shipment could have been made to New Orleans for \$50 less money. The rate from Romney to Charleston on peaches is 60.3 cents per 100 pounds, while the rate to Boston is eight cents less. Apples to go at a third less tariff, but the proportion is the same. It is the purpose of the division to get the express and railroad heads together in an agreement with the growers of all fruits and truck and bring about an equitable adjustment of rates and an improvement of shipping facilities that will result in a might boost for these industries in all sections of the state.

DEATH

Of Philip Dunnington, Former Clarksburg Citizen, Occurs at Rockdale, Texas.

Belated information reaches the city of the death of Philip Dunnington at Rockdale, Tex., December 28. He was a son of Noah and Katherine Dunnington, former residents of Clarksburg, and he was born about 1846. He was a brother of the late William Dunnington, of Weston.

"Phil" Dunnington, as he was called, is remembered by many of the older citizens of this county, as he clerked for many years in the store of Lloyd Lowndes, father of R. T. Lowndes, and they are all pained to learn of his death. He went to Texas about 1870, where he had resided ever since.

TRAIN CRASH

Results in Fatal Injury to Conductor and Less Serious Hurt to Another.

McKEESPORT, Pa., Feb. 10.—Lee Dolan, Baltimore and Ohio freight conductor, of Connessville, was probably fatally injured and Aaron Ward, also of Connessville, was less seriously hurt this morning when a light engine of which Ward was fireman, crashed into the freight at Robbins Station near here. The men were taken to the McKeesport hospital.

STORE SOLD

By T. J. Lynch and Company to the W. L. Morrison Store Company, New Concorn.

The firm of T. J. Lynch and Company desires to announce that it has sold its dry goods store and given a lease on its building to the W. L. Morrison Store Company. The stock will be invoiced and turned over to the new concern about the tenth of fifteen of March. This sale is made on account of other interests requiring the personal attention of the owners.

The store room will be remodeled on the first and second floors and other improvements, including the furnishing of a basement room under the entire building, will be made. Work has already commenced on the improvement and the owners hope to have it completed by the specified time.