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## CHILDREN GO ON THE STAND

Witnesses From This Region Are in Scranton.

Conditions in District No. 7 to Be Investigated at Once by the Coal Strike Commission.

At Scranton this morning the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission resumed its investigation. The counsel for the mine workers had intended placing the district presidents on the stand, beginning with President Nichols today, but this plan has been changed to permit the commission to become familiar with conditions in District No. 7.

For this purpose about twenty Italians and Poles, among whom there were some women and children, were taken to Scranton yesterday afternoon from the Lehigh region. All of them, including the children, will take the witness stand and tell of the conditions prevailing among their people in this territory.

The mine workers will have additional counsel in D. J. McCarthy, Esq., and especially in so far as the investigation touches features in the Seventh district. It is understood there will be a change in the procedure, getting right to the facts and not holding witnesses for long cross-questioning. The elimination of opinions by witnesses will be made a feature.

The sub-committee of the commission, Messrs. Watkins, Clark and Parker, to whom was delegated the watching of events during the recess of the commission, have been furnished through Mr. Wolverton, the Reading's chief counsel, the program which the companies will follow in the presentation of testimony before the commission. The plan provides that the order shall be as follows:

Delaware and Hudson Railroad, Pennsylvania Coal Company, Hillside Coal and Iron Company, Ontario and Western Railroad Company, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, Temple Iron Company, Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, Independent operators, Markie & Co., non-union miners, Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

This arrangement follows the geographical location of the respondents, from the Lackawanna region down to the Schuylkill section.

At Washington yesterday the House committee on appropriations directed Chairman Cannon to make a favorable report on his bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission.

### Against Infant Insurance.

Aroused by the alleged murder of the Williams children for insurance money, several Philadelphia beneficial organizations, seconded by the State Department of Insurance, are working on a bill for presentation to the legislature. If it becomes a law it will prevent the insuring of infants' lives in Pennsylvania, and will obliterate seventy-five "sick benefits" and "mortuary" companies in this state, that are said to be fraudulent.

Reinhold R. Koch, president of the Beneficial Association Alliance, which is leading the movement against so-called beneficial organizations, said last night:

"The practice of insuring infants, which is done indiscriminately by these societies, proves a temptation to mothers and others to neglect their sick infants. They would rather keep up the insurance money than use it to buy medicine. But the proportion of infant-icides is small when you consider the great number that are insured.

"No one knows except those in the business the fraud that is practiced upon the public by some of these small companies that collect insurance with no intention of paying a sick or death benefit. They count on doing enough business in six months or a year to make a little money and then dissolve. They generally drop out of existence when death claims begin to come.

"Under the present law it is hard for the authorities to get a hold on the guilty men. There is a company in Philadelphia composed of five men who are today carrying on a fraudulent in-

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urance society under the noses of the authorities. Every Saturday night they meet and divide the 'profits' of the week, money paid to them by credulous persons for policies that never will mature."

In the office of Insurance Commissioner Durham it was learned that there are eighty "beneficial" societies existing in the commonwealth, only five of which are considered by the department to be reliable. Hence the frauds must have several thousand victims. All of the fraudulent companies are established under the act of 1874, which Mr. Durham in his report to Governor Stone will ask to have abolished.

Every day this department is visited by persons who are seeking to recover benefits from the small companies. As soon as the organizations learn that the insurance commissioner is investigating they immediately pay the claim and render the department powerless to sue.

### Deaths of the Week.

On Sunday evening, at the residence of relatives in Scranton, occurred the death of Thomas B. Roach, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Roach, of Alden, after an illness of nearly one year. The young man, who was a nephew of Mrs. Edward McHugh, of the Third ward, and resided in this section of the county during his youth, suffered a severe cold last December and a complication of diseases set in, as a result of which he suffered almost continuously until death relieved him.

Mr. Roach was for many years in the employ of the Jersey Central Railroad as agent at Alden, Parryville and Cata-sauqua, resigning on account of his illness. The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents tomorrow morning. A mass of requiem will be celebrated at 10 o'clock in St. Francis' church, Nanticoke, and interment will be in St. Francis' cemetery.

John Jamison, aged 23 years, died early yesterday morning at the home of his uncle, David Walker, on Birkbeck street. The young man had been ill but a short time. While delirious one night last week he jumped from his bedroom window and ran quite a distance in his undergarments. This aggravated his illness, and he failed to rally from the relapse which followed. He is survived by three sisters. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. Interment at Freeland cemetery.

Andrew Curran, aged 40 years, died today at the residence of his brother-in-law, Neil P. Johnson, Sandy Run. The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. N. P. Johnson, Sandy Run, and Mrs. Mary Gallagher, Bristol, and one brother, Malachi, who resides in Nevada. Mr. Curran's father, Edward, died on May 23 last. The time of the funeral has not yet been fixed.

Harry Ruhotsky, aged 1 year and 6 months, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ruhotsky, died at his parents' home on Birkbeck street last night from cholera infantum. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

### E. B. Coxe School Closed.

The Eckley B. Coxe school building on Ridge street has been closed by order of the officers of the board until the heating plant has been repaired. The boiler gave out yesterday and it will require a week's time or more to secure the necessary parts and have them placed in position. The cause of the mishap, which promises to be a costly one to the district, has not yet been ascertained.

Until the heating plant is ready, the teachers and pupils attending the school will be transferred to other buildings. Mr. Farrar and his scholars will be accommodated in the High school room, Mrs. Denny will hold school in South Washington street building and Misses Dougherty and McGill will hold half-day sessions in Misses Gillespie's and Gallagher's rooms in the Daniel Coxe building.

### Healthy Place to Live.

Successive judges and grand juries have condemned the present court house for its alleged unhealthful condition. Persons who have thought otherwise humorously point to the fact that two of the tipstaves, who yesterday attained the ages of 78 and 68 years, have seen twenty-nine years of service in the building.

Eleven tipstaves are employed, five of whom average 74 years of age, with a total of 142 years' service. The eleven average 66½ years of age and sixteen years' service.

The wits say this is a direct refutation of the grand jury assertions that the court house is unhealthy.

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## PREDICTIONS.

What Prof. Coles Sees for December. Goose-Bone Heard From.

Prof. Coles, upon whom many rely as a prophet, predicts that December will be ruled by the "high flood" vital forces, labor will be plentiful, although there will be many dissatisfactions. Business will gradually boom and the Christmas trade should be unprecedented. We should still keep our eyes on Mars, the red warrior, as he is directly opposite of Jupiter, our financial indicator, and Earth is about midway between them both, therefore keep prepared for any financial difficulty that may present itself.

The evil and blighting influence that be showered down upon us last month, will continue during this month; accidents, murders, plots and crimes will occur. England may receive a sore affliction.

Earth will pay out of the "House of Children" into the "House of Sickness," in opposition with the great planets on the east side of the sun, excepting Mars and Neptune, which will cause disease and epidemics to bring us more trouble, causing sorrow in many homes. All these born under the planet Mars should avoid the cold chilly winds of December, during the low ebb days.

The weather will be rather changeable, there will be many beautiful days, but winter is liable to give us a surprise. Regular storm conditions will prevail at the opening of December. The probabilities are that rough wintry weather will prevail over many sections of the country at this time, also at and after full moon on the 14th. Destructive gales, blizzards, etc., both on land and sea, may be expected. Continued unsettled weather will develop during the last quarter of the moon.

Many of the storms may vary from a summer-like shower to a real winter blizzard. Watch the many beautiful sunset scenes.

The best days to perform surgical operations this month will be the 8th, 9th, 15th and 25th; the next best days will be the 2d, 11th and 23d. Physicians and surgeons should familiarize themselves with this subject; many lives would be saved, and there would be much needless suffering. Astrological diagnosis is a science and art, and the anatomy of the heavens and their planetary influence upon human life should be studied and known as well as the anatomy of man.

### WHAT THE GOOSEBONE SAYS.

Elias Hartz, widely known as Reading's goosebone weather prophet, made his prediction for the winter last night. He used bones from two geese hatched last May and says:

"About the middle of December will be winter with us. I predict an unusually severe winter. There will be few variations in the temperature after the winter opens, but the weather will continue coal and probably stormy."

### ROUND THE REGION.

The Reading Coal and Iron Company's police force is tracking a gang of bold burglars operating in Schuylkill county for several weeks. Their latest depredation is the looting of nearly a score of boating cottages scattered along Tumbling Run lake, a local summer resort.

The last echo of the famous Bowman-Esher controversy in the Evangelical Association occurred in Schuylkill court yesterday, when a verdict was given in favor of the United Evangelical Church for the parsonage, valued at \$5,000, in Pottsville.

Mrs. Annie Letonick was found dead this morning at Stockton under suspicious circumstances. Adam Mekus has been arrested and will be held to await the action of the coroner's jury. The case looks like murder.

Oneida school building had a narrow escape from destruction yesterday. A fire, due from excessive burning of wood, broke out while the school was in session and was extinguished with difficulty.

L. L. Zboray, a Magyar, was ordained to the ministry in the Baptist church in Pittston. He will work among the Magyars of the coal fields.

Paul Seybold, a bridge builder of Pittston, has received a draft for \$6,000, part of his father's estate in Germany. The thirty-ninth annual teachers' institute of Carbon county is being held at Mauch Chunk this week.

The Tamaqua Recorder has changed from a semi-weekly to a tri-weekly publication.

### BIRTHS.

Kreitzberger.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Kreitzberger, a son.  
Minnick.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Minnick, a son.

Holiday novelties and candies, Merk's.

## 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.

George W. Larsen and his company entertained a fair-sized audience last evening at the Grand opera house with a revival of the time-honored play, "Rip Van Winkle." A juvenile chorus, composed of twelve boys and twelve girls, of town, aided materially in the presentation of the piece.

The official call for the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America was issued today. It is signed by President Mitchell and Secretary Wilson and is addressed to the local unions. The convention will be held at Indianapolis, commencing on January 19, 1903.

Rev. Carl Houser tripped over a step in Hazleton Sunday evening while hurrying to catch a trolley car. Upon his arrival home his physician discovered that a bone in one of his legs was broken. The injury will keep the minister indoors for some weeks.

Messrs. Pierson and Mumaw, representing Hazleton Typographical Union, No. 401, were in town Monday evening and paid Mrs. Owen Fowler the death benefits due her late husband from the organization.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Brogan, who died last week in Colorado, arrived here from Hazleton yesterday, and after a requiem mass was read the remains were interred at St. Ann's cemetery.

Thomas E. Slattery, one of the D. S. & S. Railroad conductors who was indefinitely suspended during the strike, has accepted a position as agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Council failed to meet on Monday evening, owing to the absence of a quorum. The members present were Messrs. McNelis, McClellan, Crawford, McLaughlin, Ward and W. Gallagher.

John J. McNelis and George McGee, of town, received messages today to appear before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission at Scranton and give testimony.

Frank Gallagher, of Highland, who secured employment in Pittsburg several months ago, is seriously ill with malaria fever in a hospital in that city.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made. Mrs. Frank Gamewell entertained a large audience at the Park M. E. church Monday evening with her lecture on "The Siege of Pekin."

A majority of the merchants have decided to keep their business places open until 10 p. m. every evening the balance of this month.

Casper Grebey, who returned recently from the Miners hospital, has had a relapse and is confined to his home on Main street.

Mission services will be held this evening at St. Luke's Lutheran church. Revs. Schlenker, Schmoeyer and Kuntz will officiate.

Herbert Smith, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Hess, has resumed his studies at Philadelphia Dental college.

George Cutler has disposed of an unimproved lot on South Washington street to John Zenasackno for \$500.

George Ripple, of Front street, has been drawn to serve as a grand juror for the week beginning January 5.

The Balaklava Social Club will hold a reunion at the Osborne hotel on the evening of the 26th inst.

William Fletcher and Mrs. Mary Grebey were married on Monday evening by Rev. J. J. Kuntz.

Thomas Gould, a resident of town for a number of years, removed his family to Hazleton yesterday.

Mrs. Huldah Smith, who until recently conducted Jeddo hotel, has removed to Bloomsburg.

Agents of the Prudential Insurance Company are distributing calendars today.

John Rogan and family have removed from South Centre street to the Second ward.

A smoker will be held by Division 19, A. O. U., on December 16.

Mrs. Anton Shock is visiting relatives in Rochester, N. Y.

Ice cream—all flavors—at Merk's.

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