

NEW EXCUSE FOR COAL RAISE.

Scranton, Pa.—A state commission, investigating the increased price of anthracite coal, struck pay dirt last week when W. A. May, a large coal operator, testified that the whole trouble could be placed at the door of the state workmen's compensation law. He hinted that employes deliberately risked their lives and limbs to secure a few dollars in benefits.

DRUG CLERKS FORM UNION.

Duluth, Minn.—Drug clerks in this city have formed a union and affiliated to the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association. The new organization will open negotiations with employers for the purpose of reducing the long work day.

TRADE UNIONISTS ENJOINED.

Boston.—Officers of several building trades unions have been served with a temporary injunction by Judge Jenny of the Superior Court, on complaint of Louis B. Cadario, a building contractor.

The honorable court has overlooked nothing to assist Mr. Cadario in his fight against organized workers. They are denied the right to solicit friends not to patronize Cadario; from taking part in or causing any strike against plaintiff or those employing him; from interfering with any contract of the plaintiff; from taking steps to place him on the unfair list or even announcing their purpose to do so.

Judge Jenny says this order was issued for the purpose of "protecting property."

The right of unionists to work for whom they please, to ask other workers to join them, to spend their money where they please and ask their friends to do likewise is not considered by this dispenser of justice to all men.

AMUSEMENTS

LYRIC.

Coming to the Lyric Theater next Sunday for a week's stay with the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees, "A Pair of Queens," a new and sparkling farce in three acts will be disclosed for the first time in Cincinnati. This is the work by Otto Hauerbach, A. Seymour Brown and Harry Lewis that enjoys the unusual distinction of having been presented for thirty consecutive weeks at the Cort Theater in Chicago, where it was originally produced, and later ran for several weeks each in Boston and New York. It comes here direct from the latter city.

Prominent in the cast of farceurs selected by H. H. Frazee for the presentation of this fun-play are Maude Elburne, just now acclaimed the foremost of American eccentric comedians; Frank McGinn, a fine actor who has scored heavily in one of the leading roles, and Hugh Cameron, long recognized as a comedian of unusual versatility.

Reviewers in other cities have declared that "A Pair of Queens" is a notable departure from the beaten path followed by writers of works of this sort, and strangely enough, not a single episode bearing upon mistaken identity enters the telling of the brisk and hilariously funny story.

The action of "A Pair of Queens" marks the singular adventures of two business men of consequence in their city, who, after attendance upon a business conference lasting until late at night, enter a "bright light" cabaret restaurant for rest and refreshment. They are hardly seated when a party at an adjoining table become boisterously involved in a row during which a shot is fired and the business men beat a hasty retreat. The following morning they discover to their dismay that they have inadvertently taken an overcoat, in a pocket of which they find an empty wallet. The morning newspapers tell a stirring story of a shooting in the restaurant they had visited the night before and the disappearance of an overcoat in a pocket of which was a wallet containing \$10,000 in currency declared to be counterfeit. The fun of the play results from the efforts of the business men to dispose of the coat while being followed by the police and secret service operatives, one of whom is a woman. All sorts of laughable entanglements develop and the fun never lags.

It is announced that the Wednesday matinee of "A Pair of Queens" will be given at popular prices.

EMPRESS.

Audiences at the Empress Theater have become accustomed to expecting the very best in vaudeville—shows of the most brilliant class, marked by merit and originality. And the management is making every effort to maintain the high standard of excellence which those who have seen other Empress shows this season have been led to expect.

Accordingly, next week will be another illustration of the superb entertainment standard maintained by Manager George F. Fish, for it will be headed by Cheyenne Days, one of the most successful features known to stageland. Its triumphs elsewhere have been remarkable, and it is a foregone conclusion that Cincinnati will give it a welcome of

royal proportions. Cheyenne Days is a combination of frontierism, of unusual thrills, of the sweetest melodies of the past, and the jolly humor that appeals to all. It is a new departure in the field of entertainment, and its popularity is assured. In its presentation, girls, men and horses give it colorful picturesqueness.

Another act that has been the laughing hit of many shows in the best theaters in the land is that of the Nichol Sisters, two of the most unctuous comediennees that ever wore burnt cork. The two girls are natural fun-makers and they have the happy faculty of being able to make folk scream and shout with laughter. They are known as "delightfully droll damsels of darktown," and their every minute on the stage is a rare, entertaining treat.

Marsh and DeFoggi have an offering of superb song studies as their feature of the bill. They are musical artists of the highest caliber, and their act lends "tone" to the bill.

The rest of the show is of comedy proportions. It includes such excellent funmakers as Clifford and Wills, "joking at Jasper Junction"; the DeArmo Duo, just jesting jugglers; and Fitzsimmons and Groves, in a happy combination of humorous production. And, of course, there will be new comedy films to round out the bill.

CANADIAN UNIONISTS REPUDIATE COMPULSION

Washington, Oct. 7.—Compulsory arbitration advocates in the United States have had their main prop swept away by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress calling for the repeal of the Lemieux act, which makes it illegal for workers employed in public utilities to strike until the government appoints an investigating commission.

The Canadian Congress is a delegate body, representing unions affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. Its purpose is to urge legislation on behalf of workers. It is the recognized spokesman for Canadian toilers.

Employers and newspapers on this side of the line are continually pointing to the Lemieux act as the "ideal solution" for differences between capitalists and laborers, but after a nine years' trial the Canadian unionists now denounce it as jug handled and so elastic that the employer can always escape its provisions; that workers are tied to their jobs and that the employers can use the time allotted by the law to defeat their demands.

During recent negotiations which threatened to end in a general railroad strike a Lemieux act was advocated in the United States. At the hearings before the senate committee on interstate commerce, President Gompers and the executives of the four brotherhoods accepted this challenge and declared the American workers were against this legislation.

Their defense of liberty has since been indorsed by trade unionists who have suffered under this legislation.

OPPOSE INJUNCTION WRIT.

Saginaw, Mich.—At the annual convention of the state federation of labor strong ground was taken in opposition to the injunction writ during strike times.

"Unless we awake," it is declared, "to the realization of the encroachments upon the personal liberties of all the people, by the courts who are created by all the people, and who receive their authority from the people, the virtue of our democracy of government will decay and the poison venom of a judicial autocracy will rise in its place."

Today courts, whose mental faculties are controlled by precedents, established by those to whom property is of more value than human life, cast to oblivion the right of citizens to be tried by a jury of their own peers and assert the despotic power of individuals, whose slogan appears to be "Might makes right."

The delegates sent a telegram to Judge Collingwood of East Lansing, who is hearing the so-called contempt cases against striking Detroit cigar girls, in the latter city. The telegram condemned his treatment of these girls. Every delegate risked contempt of court proceedings when in the court's jurisdiction by signing his name to the protest.

DOCKED FOR DODGING CARS.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Track laborers employed by the East St. Louis & Suburban railway must either pay for dodging street cars or dispute the right of way of these conveyances.

The workday of the employes is 10 hours, at 20 cents an hour. When they opened their last pay envelopes each man found pay for nine hours a day. They registered strong objection to what they believed was an oversight, but company officials produced an educated lead pencil to show that each man lost time aggregating one hour a day stepping out of the trenches every time a car passed.

Ten hours' time, minus one hour consumed in keeping from getting killed, leaves nine hours. Nine hours' work, nine hours' pay.

The employes refused to accept this stop watch system of mathematics and the company is trying to fill the place of 50 laborers on strike.



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