OFFER TO RAISE WAGES.

Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company Posts Notices of an Increase of Ten Per Cent.

GRIEVANCES ARE TO BE ARBITRATED.

Men Will Ignore the Notice Pending Formal Action for Entire Field—Miners Do Not Seem Inclined to End the Strike—Want the Recognition of Their Union.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—An offer of an increase of ten per cent. in miners' wages was on Sunday inaugurated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company, and this move, it is stated, will be followed on Tuesday by similar notices at every colliery in the anthracite region. It is expected by the operators that this increase in wages will be satisfactory to the men, and they believe many of the strikers will take advantage of the offer and return to work. Mining operations will, in this event, be given an impetus and the operators expect there will then be a gradual resumption until the collieries will again have their full complement of employes. The Philadelphia & Reading company operates 39 collieries, and of these 27 have been shut down, owing to insufficient working force.

Miners Warned.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—The following notice, bearing date of October 1, was posted Sunday in the vicinity of all the collieries of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company in the anthracite region. It was signed by Superintendent Luther, of the Philadelphia & Reading company:

"This company will pay an advance of ten per cent. on the wages of all men and boys employed at its collieries. This advance takes effect to-day."

Beneath this notice another was posted which read as follows:

"Fellow Mine Workers: United Mine Workers of America—Do not pay any attention to this notice posted by Mr. Luther, of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company, but wait until you hear from President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, or until you have decided by your own locals what is right for you to do.

"C. B. POTTER."

Mr. Potter is an officer in the district branch of the United Mine Workers of America.

Will Wait for Orders.

Shenandoah, Pa., Oct. 1.—The notices of the Philadelphia & Reading Iron company offering an increase of ten per cent. in wages were posted in this town, at Mahanoy City and other places. Upon reading the notice Organizer George Harris, whose headquarters are at Mahanoy City, issued instructions to the presidents of local branches of the United Mine Workers to warn the strikers against returning to work until so ordered by the officials of the union.

Offer an Increase.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2.—The mine operators of the Wyoming, Lackawanna & Lehigh regions on Monday at a meeting at Wilkesbarre followed Sunday's action of the Reading company in offering an increase of ten per cent. in wages to the mine workers. They furthermore decided to reduce the charge for powder from $2.75 to $1.50 per keg. The latter price has prevailed at the Reading company's mines for a long time.

Not Inclined to Accept.

The strikers, however, show no indication of accepting the offer. None returned to work at the Reading company's collieries in response to the notice of higher wages, and in fact many who had been at work there quit and joined the ranks of the strikers. As a result there were fewer collieries in operation in the Schuylkill region than at any time since the strike was inaugurated. In the other regions there was also additions to the strikers' forces.

Miners Stand Firm.

Philadelphia, Oct. 3.—No break has yet occurred in the ranks of the striking mine workers, though additional notices of the offer of an increase of ten per cent. in wages were posted throughout the region. In fact there are many indications of an intent on the part of the strikers to insist on other concessions and to also remain out until the operators give recognition to their national organization.

Miners Parade.

Wilkesbarre, Pa. Oct. 3.—Ten thousand miners, men and boys, paraded through the streets of Wilkesbarre yesterday. Another 10,000 stood on the sidewalks and cheered the marchers, while probably 20,000 gathered at the West side park and listened to the speeches of Mitchell, Dilcher, Purcell and other leaders.

Offer to Arbitrate.

Philadelphia, Oct. 4. — Yesterday brought no developments of importance in the coal miners' strike. An interesting feature was the Reading company's notice to its employes that in addition to its offer of a ten per cent. increase it was willing to enter into arbitration with them relative to any grievances they may have. None of the strikers, however, have yet indicated their intention to return to work.

Struck by Lightning.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 4.—A. H. Wilson, a traveling man in the employ of the E. D. Clagg Wool and Hide company, was struck by lightning at six o'clock Wednesday evening during an electrical storm and instantly killed.

Four Men Killed.

Edwardsville, Ill., Sept. 27.—A brick kiln here was wrecked by lightning and four men were killed by falling walls.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

Opens Prison Doors.

Warden Murphy and other officials of the northern Illinois penitentiary looked up the record of every prisoner of that institution, and estimated that 775 men now held in Joliet would regain their freedom by petitioning the courts on the same technicality that freed Joseph Wyman. Judge Henecy held in that case in Chicago that inasmuch as the mittimus by which Wyman was sent to prison did not specifically state that he had been found guilty of the murder of Wilhelmina Dunger he could not legally be incarcerated.

Adds to Crime Record.

James Bonnett, a notorious highwayman and desperado, was arrested at Beardstown while boarding a train. Bonnett attempted to hold up John Collier, a wealthy Ipava farmer, and his son near Enion, and when Collier refused to obey his orders he shot him in the head and almost killed him. Bonnett was lodged in the county jail at Lewiston. It turns out that he has served 11 years for a similar crime and was liberated from the penitentiary at Joliet on September 3.

Funeral of Judge Smith.

The funeral of Judge Arthur A. Smith, who died at Manitou Springs, Col., was attended at Galesburg by leading lawyers from all parts of the state. For 30 years he sat on the bench of the circuit court, and no court was held in the circuit, as a mark of respect. Judge Smith served through the war, retiring with the rank of brigadier general. He was a trustee of Knox college, a member of the Loyal legion and many other organizations.

Fair Fails to Pay.

The state fair of 1900 is a financial failure, and the state board of agriculture will have to borrow money to pay its premiums. The loss of revenue on account of bad weather will be $18,000. Such is the conclusion of the members of the board. Martin Conrad, of Chicago, representing the Third district, has been elected president of the state board of agriculture.

Crop Conditions.

The weekly crop report issued by the Washington weather bureau says for Illinois:

Favorable week for fall work; good rains put ground in excellent condition for plowing; corn safe from frost; much of it cut; pastures excellent; good prospects for fall feed; some seeding done, less than the usual acreage promised; apples dropping and average prospects very poor, though fair yield in a few localities.

Rural Free Delivery.

Rural free delivery has been established as follows:

Centralia, Marion county, carrier, J. S. Wooters; length of route, 25 miles; population, 800. Post office at Raccoon to be discontinued, mail for Raccoon to go to Centralia. Mail for Sedan to go to Kell. Smithshire, Warren county, carrier, S. C. Youmans; length of route, 26 miles; population, 630.

Four Men Killed.

Lightning struck a kiln at the Glen Carbon brick yards near Edwardsville, demolishing the kiln and burying five men under tons of brick. Isaac Carlock, Charles Mather, Elmer Chumley and Thomas Hartbeck were killed instantly. Joseph Burchardt was taken out alive, but is badly injured.

Told in a Few Lines.

In a train wreck at Springfield Engineer Ryan and Fireman Hall were killed.

The population of the city of Rockford, as officially announced, is 31,051, an increase of 7,467, or 31.66 per cent.

The post offices at Seneca and Vermont have been advanced from the fourth to the third class.

Richard Davis died at Rochelle. He was the oldest person, with one exception, living in Ogle county, being within 15 days of 98 years of age.

Louis Joedecke committed suicide near Waterloo in preference to facing trial on the charge in court of stealing $4,000.

Harry G. Rouse, the pioneer bicycle manufacturer of the west, and late of the firm of Rouse, Hazard & Co., of Peoria, died of typhoid fever, aged 40 years.

Mrs. Needham P. Cooper, the first white child born in Will county, died in Joliet, aged 66 years.

Rev. L. Sigmund, of Tiffin, O., has been elected president of Carthage college.

William B. Dunton, wanted in Chicago for stealing $20,000 from the Union national bank, was arrested at Old Point Comfort, Va.

The contest for queen of the free state fair to be held in Mattoon October 10, 11, 12 and 13 has been thrown open to southern and eastern Illinois.

The Chicago university has offered free tuition to ten Porto Rico boys.

The Elks lodge of Decatur is arranging to give a big street fair during the week beginning October 15.

G. E. Colson, a merchant at Mattoon, was convicted of receiving stolen propetry.

In a jealous rage Joseph Stoup fatally wounded his wife and killed himself in Chicago.

Mrs. Maria Miller, owner and proprietor of the Tremont hotel at Quincy, died near Paris, France. She leaves a very large fortune to brothers and sisters in Quincy and in France.

Lawrence Pierson, of Lexington, Mo., a student at Lake Forest university, died from injuries sustained in a football game.

Fire destroyed four brick business buildings at Sheldon. Loss, $25,000; insured.

Safeblowers stole $8,000 in negotiable county orders and notes from Snyder Bros.' store at Toledo.

TELL OF PEKING'S HORROR

A Chicago Woman and Her Daughter Arrive in San Francisco from the Orient.

WERE THE GUESTS OF MINISTER CONGER

Attempted to Get Away Before Trouble Began, But Did Not Succeed—Describes Privations the Legationers Had to Endure—All in Perilous Plight, and All Realized It.

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—Mrs. M. S. Woodward and her daughter Ione, of Chicago, were among the passengers on the steamer Coptic, which arrived from the orient. Mrs. Woodward and her daughter were guests of Minister Conger at Peking and were in the two months' siege with the members of the legations. Mrs. Woodward said:

Two Awful Months.

"It is difficult to describe one's feelings during an experience such as we went through during those awful two months at Peking. We were all in a perilous plight and we all realized it, but we did not dare to think of our danger. As you may know, we started to leave Peking on June 6, but we were one day too late. Accompanied by a small guard that was placed at our disposal by Minister Conger, we went to the railroad depot on the morning of that day and waited from six o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night for a train to take us to Tientsin.

The Train Never Came.

"But the train never came. Train connection with the outside world had been cut off the day before. So we all went back to the legation and prepared for the worst. We were surrounded by a howling mob of Chinese at the railroad depot and made our way back to Legation street with much difficulty, although none of the Chinese offered to do us bodily harm. It was not very long thereafter that the serious trouble began, however. The very next day the missionaries from the burned Catholic cathedral at Nantung came to the legation for protection and we had our hands full looking after their wants. There were hundreds of maimed, bleeding and native Christians who had barely escaped the wrath of the mob with their lives. I saw little children with spear wounds all over their bodies and many others, old and young, bleeding and burned. I became a nurse with other ladies at the legation and was assigned to duty every other night.

Barricades Erected.

"After we all took refuge in the British legation active preparations for our defense were undertaken. We experienced no difficulty in getting to the British legation, although constantly harassed by the Boxer mob. The Russian legation stood between the American and British legations. The men cut through the intervening walls and then made our retreat as secure as possible by erecting barricades.

Continual Fighting.

"After this there was continual fighting day and night. The Boxers were not wanting in diligence and one night captured the wall held by our forces. It was the wall of Peking that separated us from the native city. We regained it, however, through the heroism of Capt. Jack Myers, of the Oregon, and 20 of the Newark's men. With his score of brave lads he made a dash for the wall and captured it without a scratch. Shortly after that Capt. Myers received a spear wound and on top of that suffered an attack of typhoid fever that threatened his life.

No Scarcity of Food.

"At no time was there any scarcity of food, although it was not of a very desirable quality. There were plenty of canned meats, vegetables and preserves on hand and a liberal supply of wines, so that the injured and invalids did not want for proper nourishment or delicacies. The need of fresh meat, however, necessitated the slaughtering of horses and mules. At the beginning of the siege there were 109 animals at the legations. When the rescue force arrived only ten were left. Some of the horses were prized highly as saddle ponies by their owners, but they had to be killed to fill the needs of the legationers."

Celebrated "Andre Day."

Nyack, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Tuesday was "Andre day" at Tappan, Rockland county, the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the hanging of Maj. John Andre on the hill west of that village for treason. Flags were flying in the village and a celebration of the anniversary took place at the '76 stone house where Andre was tried and imprisoned until his execution.

Has Recovered.

Milwaukee, Oct. 1.—A recent operation for cataract performed on the eyes of Judge James G. Jenkins, of the United States circuit court, has been a complete success and the jurist's sight, so long threatened, is restored. Judge Jenkins will be able to resume his seat on the bench in about a week.

New Trial Granted.

Dubuque, Ia., Oct. 4.—The state supreme court has granted a new trial to John McGarry, convicted two years ago and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Attorney W. O. Lavake. The crime was one of the most sensational ever committed in the northwest.

Victims of a Wreck.

Creston, Ia., Oct. 1.—Engineer Peter McAloon, of Ottumwa, and Fireman Lyman Sprowl, of Creston, and an unknown tramp were killed in a wreck at Afton, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, at an early hour Sunday morning.

Three Boys Drowned.

West Superior, Wis., Oct. 1.—Two boys named Rusfeldt and one named Hinkley were drowned in the bay Sunday night. Seven lads ranging from 10 to 15 years of age were in an old boat which capsized. Four were rescued.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Washington, Oct. 2.—In September the government receipts from all sources amounted to $45,304,326 and the expenditures $39,169,971, leaving a surplus for the month of $6,134,355.

Death of Samuel Carey.

Cincinnati, Oct. 1.—Samuel Fenton Carey, congressman in 1868 and candidate for vice president on the Peter Cooper ticket in 1878 died in this city, aged 87 years.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Oct. 4.

Isaac Thompson died at Lee, Ill., aged 104.

Melbourne will be the capital of confederated Australia.

Allan D. Chandler (dem.) was elected governor of Georgia.

Yale opened its two hundredth college year at New Haven, Conn.

Railroads killed 26 persons in Chicago during the month of September.

The American Bankers' association met in annual session at Richmond, Va.

The quadrennial convention of democratic clubs opened at Indianapolis.

A vigilance committee at Charleston, Mo., gave 100 lashes each to two wife beaters.

The peace congress at Paris adopted resolutions declaring in favor of the Boers.

Returns of the assessors of Oklahoma territory show the population to be 326,500.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has decided to spend $6,600,000 for new equipment.

The census bureau gives the population of Arkansas as 1,311,564, against 1,128,179 in 1890.

Gen. Wood in his annual report commends the conduct of American troops in Cuba.

The independent democrats of Montana have nominated Thomas Hogan for governor.

George Brooks, a farmer of Owensboro, Ky., committed suicide on his eighty-fifth birthday.

Massachusetts democrats have nominated Robert Treat Paine, Jr., of Boston, for governor.

Walter Evans killed his wife and himself at Beattysville, Ky. Domestic trouble was the cause.

Los Angeles, Cal., has a population of 102,479, which is more than double that of ten years ago.

The pope is pleased with American treatment of the Catholic church in Cuba and the Philippines.

At town meeting elections in Connecticut the republicans carried 103 towns and the democrats 35.

Mrs. Frank Leslie has resigned from the management and editorship of Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Fire destroyed the large shoe factory of J. E. Dayton & Co. at Williamsport, Pa., the loss being $300,000.

Methodist ministers of Michigan will try to stop St. Joseph's marriage industry by having the law changed.

The daughter of Martin Stelvert wandered away from her home at Kibbey, Mont., and was frozen to death.

At Falmouth, Ky., Charles S. Anderson killed his wife because she would not live with him and then killed himself.

The latest report of the damage to cotton in Texas by the recent floods places the loss at 400,000 bales, valued at $20,000,000.

Surgeon Gen. Sternberg in an open letter strongly commends the army canteen, claiming that it has decreased drunkenness.

Rev. S. B. Dexter, of Humboldt Park (Chicago) Baptist church, advertised for 100 young men and women for evangelical work.

The United States military post at Valdez, Alaska, will be hereafter known as Fort Liscum, in honor of Col. Liscum, killed in China.

At Salt Lake City Charles and Clem Turville rode a mile in 1:27 2-5 on a motor cycle, breaking the world's record for an eight-lap track.

Coxey, former leader of the commonweal army, cannot find enough men to build his $250,000 steel casting plant at Mount Vernon, O.

Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn has been recalled to Washington to take charge of the war department, relieving Gen. Miles as acting secretary.

A force of 400 Boers attacked a convoy consisting of 22 wagons and 60 mounted riflemen near Dejager's drift and only 12 of the latter escaped.

The first football fatality of the season recorded was received by L. A. Pierson, of Lake Forest university, dying of injuries sustained Wednesday.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada during the first eight months of this year were $127,206,250, against $88,829,850 in the same period in 1899.

While temporarily insane Ferdinand Brobst, a glass-worker, killed his wife with a shotgun and then blew off his own head, at his home in Carnegie, Pa.

Workmen are beginning to arrive at Galveston, Tex., in large numbers. The exodus has almost ceased, while every incoming train brings artisans and others.

John E. Hudson, president of the American Bell Telephone company, died suddenly in the Boston & Maine railroad station at Beverley Farms, Mass., while waiting for a train.

Reports of the American consul general at Cape Town says the South African republics have been desolated by war, but a new era is at hand for the gold cities of the Transvaal.

The Michigan supreme court in a unanimous opinion handed down declared the act granting a bounty of one cent per pound on all beet sugar manufactured in the state unconstitutional.

At one o'clock Tuesday morning three burglars entered the bank at Elkport, northern Iowa, blew the safe to pieces and secured $1,000 in cash and valuable papers. When pursued they fired a dozen shots at citizens and escaped.

The monthly statement issued by the director of the mint shows that during September the coinage executed at the mints of the United States amounted to $6,440,938, as follows: Gold, $2,608,335; silver, $3,832,185; minor coins, $215,418.

THE MARKETS.

	New York, Oct. 4.	
LIVE STOCK—Steers	$4 80	@ 5 80
Hogs	5 60	@ 5 80
Sheep	2 50	@ 3 50
FLOUR—Winter Straights	3 55	@ 3 65
Minnesota Patents	4 20	@ 4 60
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	81	@ 81¾
March	85¾	@ 86¼
CORN—No. 2	43½	@ 43¾
October	45¾	@ 46
OATS—No. 2	25¾	@ 26
BUTTER—Creamery	17	@ 22
Factory	13½	@ 16
CHEESE	11¼	@ 11½
EGGS	12½	@ 20
	CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Prime Beeves	$5 70	@ 6 06
Texas Steers	4 00	@ 5 00
Stockers	3 20	@ 3 70
Feeders	3 75	@ 4 85
Bulls	2 60	@ 4 50
HOGS—Light	5 25	@ 5 55
Rough Packing	4 90	@ 5 20
SHEEP	3 50	@ 4 15
BUTTER—Creamery	18	@ 21
Dairy	14	@ 18
EGGS—Fresh	14	@ 16½
POTATOES (per bu.)	20	@ 23
PORK—January	11 77½	@11 95
LARD—January	6 90	@ 7 00
RIBS—January	6 12½	@ 6 27
GRAIN—Wheat, October	76½	@ 77
Corn, October	39½	@ 40½
Oats, October	25½	@ 25¾
Rye, No. 2	51½	@ 52
Barley, Feed	39½	@ 40
	MILWAUKEE.	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 Nor'n	$ 81	@ 81¼
Oats, No. 2 White	25½	@ 26
Rye, No. 1	55	@ 55½
Barley, No. 2	59	@ 60
	KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN—Wheat, December	$ 70½	@ 70¾
Corn, December	32¾	@ 33
Oats, No. 2 White	22	@ 22½
Rye, No. 2	50	@ 50½
	ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	$4 20	@ 5 70
Texas Steers	3 15	@ 4 50
HOGS—Packers	5 25	@ 5 40
Butchers'	5 30	@ 5 50
SHEEP—Native Muttons	3 00	@ 4 25
	OMAHA.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	$4 40	@ 5 70
Cows and Heifers	3 00	@ 4 25
Stockers and Feeders	3 00	@ 4 50
HOGS—Mixed	5 15	@ 5 20
SHEEP—Western Muttons	3 50	@ 3 90

Dwight Business Directory.

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H. E. Seigert. Prop. Flour Mills, Electric Light Plant. Grinding and feed.

Hornberger & Allen, flour, hay, grain, ground feed, straw, etc. Dwight.

Groceries.

G. L. Kern & Bro. Groceries and meat market.

W. T. Scott and J. S. Spencer. Staple and fancy groceries, candies and cigars.

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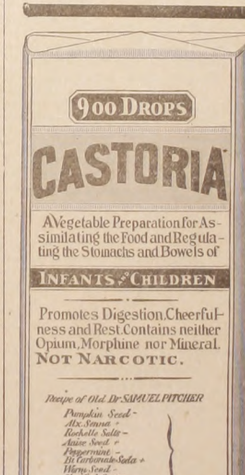

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