

LEASE IS VALID, SAYS COURT

HOUSE TALKS ON LIABILITY

The Bill Was Passed Today Without Division

AFFECTS RAILROADS

Explains That Purpose of Measure is to Give Relief to Employers—Recorder Goff says that There is Evidence on Which to Act

Washington, April 2.—The bill which was passed today in the house of representatives...

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TILLMAN ON THE RATE BILL

Washington, April 2.—When the senate convened today...

Mr. Tillman presented another of the series of complaints against railroads...

The bill was passed without a vote in the house...

Mr. Tillman called on the house railroad bill and Mr. Bacon had read a proposed amendment...

Bank Falls. The City of Raleigh has failed to open for business...

RECORDER GOFF ON INSURANCE

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JEROME AND THE JUDGE

Referred to Conflict Between Them and Adds That They Had Reasonable Ground for Belief That Crime Had Been Committed—July Has Unlimited Powers.

New York, April 2.—Recorder Goff at the empanelling of the April grand jury in the court of general sessions today instructed the jury to take up insurance matters...

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PLOT TO KILL ROYAL FAMILY

Madrid, April 2.—(via the frontier). The Spanish authorities have discovered an anarchist plot at Lebrija, twenty-nine miles from Seville...

FORMER SENATOR UP FOR LARCENY.

Asheville, N. C., April 2.—James Cathey, a former state senator from Jackson county, was arrested here Saturday charged with the larceny of an overcoat from Wiley P. Black...

FOLK LEASES A COAL MINE.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 2.—Governor Folk, through Warden Matt Hall of the state penitentiary here, has leased a mine near Waverly...

L. H. WEATHERS LIBEL SUITS SHOT HIMSELF ARE DECIDED

Lies at Point of Death at His Mother's Home

DEED DONE AT 10:15

Had Contemplated Suicide for Several Weeks, and This Morning Succeeded in Getting His Wife to Leave Him Alone in His Room for a Few Minutes.

At 10:15 this morning Mr. Leon H. Weathers shot himself at the home of his mother, No. 324 South Blount street...

It has been known for about a month by the family that he contemplated suicide...

She had hardly gotten out of the room before he locked the door and in a few minutes she heard the sound of the door being unlocked...

Wilmington, April 2.—The miners scale of wages of 1903 was signed this afternoon by the Pittsburg Coal Company officials...

The agreement was signed between Chairman Robbins and the miners scale committee at 3:30 o'clock...

Announcement was made at the same time that the scale had been signed by the following independent concerns:

Ditworth, Crescent, Maxine, Ellsworth, Peoples, Millin, Wampum Run, Bulger, Fayette, Steen and Vista...

NEGRO KILLS A WOMAN

Wilmington, April 2.—In the northern section of the city early Sunday morning, Mary Eliza Perry, a young negro woman, was instantly killed by Frank Porter...

Only one shot was fired, the bullet entering the head back of the left ear. Porter escaped.

A. W. CHANDLER DEAD.

Durham, N. C., April 2.—M. T. Langley, manager of the Cable company in this city, has received a message telling of the death in Goldsboro of A. W. Chandler...

BIG CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR BUNCOMBE COURT

Asheville, N. C., April 2.—The docket of Buncombe county superior court is giving the attorneys interested and the presiding judge no little concern...

TWO BLOWN OUT OF CAB OF LOCOMOTIVE

Cleveland, Ohio, April 2.—While a westbound train was speeding along near Amherst, O., early today the crown sheet of the locomotive exploded and blew the fireman and head brakeman out of the cab...

SKULL CRUSHED AT WILMINGTON

Wilmington, April 2.—While offing a large drag wheel at the Independent Ice plant, Jack Jones, a negro fifty five years old, was killed some time last night...

MINING OPERATIONS SUSPENDED TODAY IN ANTHRACITE FIELDS

THE WHISTLES BLEW IN VAIN

Scale Committee's Order Obeyed Strictly

LOOKS LIKE A HOLIDAY

Mining Suspended Until An Agreement Can Be Reached With Operators—Mitchell and Coal Presidents—Scores of Miners Departing From Schuylkill Region.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., April 2.—Reports received today from the anthracite coal fields state that the order of the miners scale committee directing that mining be suspended until an agreement is reached...

In all three districts preparations were made by the operators for a resumption of work this morning. Whistles were blown at the regular hour...

Firemen, engineers and pump men, who are not affected by the suspension order, reported an unusual but it was apparent that the scores of empty cars which had been hurried to the galleries yesterday would not be needed unless an agreement was reached...

In the Lackawanna district there is a feeling among the more conservative miners that an agreement will be reached at the New York conference...

The only colliery in the Luzern-Wyoming district which attempted to work today as far as has been reported, was the Hazleton shaft of the Lehigh Valley Company...

At many of the collieries in this district the mines were taken from the mines, thus indicating that no effort would be made to resume mining.

Quiet prevails throughout the three districts, and as long as the men remain away from the mines no disorder is anticipated.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION TODAY

Washington, April 2.—The eighth annual convention of the national association of railway commissioners was called to order today...

Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission briefly addressed the convention extending the delegates a welcome and emphasizing the importance of the subjects with which the railway commissioners are dealing...

PUTTING IN MACHINE

High Point, N. C., April 2.—The Enterprise office of this city is putting in a Mergenthaler duplex typesetting machine of the latest pattern.

All Work Practically Stops Pending a Conference Tomorrow

MITCHELL TO MEET COAL PRESIDENTS

Less Than One Thousand Men in Hard Coal Region—Holiday Being Observed—Difficult to Foretell Conditions in Bituminous Section Until it is Known How Many Operators Will Sign the Wage Scale—Action of Pittsburg Company Will Forecast Result.

Pending the outcome of the conference in New York city tomorrow between the coal presidents and President John Mitchell, of the miners union, the suspension of mining in the anthracite coal fields is practically complete.

Of the 160,000 men and boys in the hard coal fields who are affected by the scale committee's suspension, less than 1,000 are at work. Of this number about 200 are employed at the Oxford colliery, an individual operation near Scranton, and probably 500 additional men are working at the several washeries in the Lackawanna and Wyoming districts.

In the bituminous fields work is practically stopped because of the hour day, rather than because of the wage question dispute. It is difficult to foretell the conditions in the bituminous district in western Pennsylvania until it can be definitely stated how many of the independent operators will sign the 5.55 per cent. advance.

There is some difference of opinion among these operators, but the action of the Pittsburg Coal Company in the matter will probably forecast the general result.

MINES CLOSED TODAY

Many Will Sign Scale in Pittsburg Region

Expected to be in numbers Will Return to Work tomorrow, April 2 Being Holiday—Mr. Robbins to Meet the Miners

City (By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., April 2.—Following the anniversary of the granting of the eight hour work day, almost every mine in the Pittsburg district was closed. With the coming of tomorrow, however, it is expected that the miners employed by the Pittsburg Coal Company and by several other local operators will return to work and that all the miners in district No. 5 will be running before the close of the week.

Many of the operators who have agreed to the advance of wages to 5.55 per cent. want the miners to resume work immediately. Francis L. Robbins, chairman of the Pittsburg Coal Company and the scale committee of the P. C. M. W. Workers appointed by the P. C. M. W. convention last Saturday, will be meeting for the purpose of signing an agreement for two years and the P. C. M. W. has been organized in part to make the miners' organization more conservative and to bring some time, some cause of trouble, to the attention of the public.

It is expected that the independent operators will sign the 5.55 per cent. advance, but the opposition to the agreement as yet is still claims to be the dominant factor.

It is expected that Mr. Robbins as a matter of precaution, will sign two agreements. It is regarded as highly probable that the independents will grant the concession at the meeting to be held by them tomorrow night.

While some of them are in favor of holding out against an increase of the granting of any concessions, whatever, many of the more conservative say they are willing to make the same concessions that the Pittsburg Coal Company has. The conservative element is expected to be the majority and will be expected to join with them in agreeing to the settlement of the independent miners.

As far as learned gold ordering throughout the district.

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