

IT'S UP TO BRISTOL

Copies of Letter and Reply Forwarded to Him.

DECISION WILL BE PROMPT

Letter From Coos Bay Company Calls Demand a "Hold-Up" Action Is Likely to Be Taken Next Thursday.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—District Attorney Bristol will receive in tomorrow's mail a copy of his letter to the Coos Bay Land & Improvement Company, in which it is alleged that he virtually holds up his old partner, J. E. Page and F. Hoberg, together with a copy of a letter from an official of the Coos Bay Company denouncing Bristol's demand upon that company a "hold-up" accompanied by a letter which is a request for a prompt explanation of the entire matter.

Persons who have seen the original Bristol letter say that it contains statements which cannot be explained. It is their opinion that Bristol must do one of two things—acknowledge the authenticity of the letter and get out of the government service, or deny having written it and prove that the letter is a forgery. These same persons are agreed that the letter is genuine for the signature and Bristol's autograph, and this and the place of writing the letter appear to be strong evidence that the letter is genuine. Nevertheless, judgment is suspended at the White House until Bristol's reply is received. As yet no word has been received here to indicate whether Bristol acknowledges having written the letter, and no intimation has come to hand to indicate what manner of explanation he will offer. It is generally believed, however, that if he admits having written the letter, he will have to go, and go immediately after his answer reaches the White House.

The fact that no money was paid to Bristol by the Coos Bay Company does not alter his status in the eyes of the President. The intent is to make a demand for a cash consideration. From the party with whom his clients were attempting to transact business is held to constitute a most serious breach of legal etiquette. If Bristol makes a reply tomorrow, action is likely to be had on his case by Thursday of next week, unless he should reply by wire, in which event the case may be disposed of the first part of next week.

ARGUMENT FOR OPERATORS

Willcox Says Strike Commission's Decision Should Stand.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—David Willcox, of the Delaware & Hudson Company, today made public the text of the letter which he wrote to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, concerning a conference between the mine workers and the operators to discuss the wage question. In this letter, Mr. Willcox says that practically all matters at present involved have already been covered by the arbitration by the Anthracite Strike Commission. He says that in 1922-23 the Commission found that the average hours actually worked per day for the anthracite miners and eight for the other employees, and the present conditions are substantially the same. In the case of the Delaware & Hudson Company, during 1935 the average number of hours worked per day by the employees other than the miners was about 7 1/2; the average number of hours worked per day by the miners was slightly over 8.

Any suggestion of an eight-hour day for the employees by the day does not, therefore, look to a direct reduction of hours of labor, as they do not work an eight-hour day, but merely to a change of wages by increasing the rate per hour so as to advance the wages about 12 1/2 per cent above the standard fixed by the Strike Commission. This advance would amount, approximately, to 3 cents per ton for coal, or upon the entire product, about \$4,000,000 annually. Mr. Willcox devoted much space to an argument tending to show that conditions have not changed since the award of the strike commission in 1922-23.

It is true that the award of the strike commission seems to be absolutely controlling as to future conditions after March 21, 1936, but the decision of the arbitration commission may be regarded by any other tribunal as subject to review, and the award may be annulled by a court of law. In case it should be necessary to resort to arbitration in reference to any matter not already covered by the award, and, therefore, for the purpose of securing the award of the commission, if there are any such matters, it would appear natural to request the members of the arbitration commission to act so that any further award might be in harmony with that already made. All arrangements necessary in the premises could be made through members of the arbitration board, as they represent all parties.

The conditions established by the strike commission following after the most conscientious and exhaustive examination ever given to any labor controversy. On the whole, however, they proved satisfactory, and have not even been the subject of serious criticism. It does not, therefore, seem desirable to abandon the results reached with such difficulty and so valuable to the industry, and to try new methods, which are uncertain and difficult.

As already said, there is no association or organization of the producers of anthracite coal, but even if there were, any arrangement between parties purporting to represent all the employees upon the one side and all the operators upon the other side, might be subject to the charge of illegality and might not commend itself to public opinion.

The letter concludes as follows: "The suggestions are made in the interest of the public and of all the parties, for the purpose of avoiding future difficulties by continuing whatever beneficial results followed from the settlement of the strike of 1922. It is earnestly hoped that they will commend themselves to the best judgment of all as the proper course, and as far wiser than entering upon new and uncertain methods of procedure."

DOLAN GETS INJUNCTION. Miners' President Appeals to Court Against Removal.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.—Patrick Dolan, president of District No. 8 United Mine Workers of America, went into court today and secured a temporary injunction restraining the delegates to the district convention, now in session here, from interfering with his powers as president of the district convention. The afternoon session of the convention was marked by much excitement when it became known that President Diller had been granted an injunction. Bitter speeches were made, and a resolution was unanimously passed branding President Dolan's action as "cowardly and unmanly," and a committee of three was appointed to make application to the court to have the injunction dissolved. About 100 delegates were served with the

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS THIS AFTERNOON

and the hearing probably will be held tomorrow.

Hope for Settlement Yet.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The officers of the Civic Federation took the stand yesterday that the miners are a long way from a strike. No appeal has yet been made to the Civic Federation to use its offices as mediators. Ralph M. Basley, chairman of the National executive committee of the Civic Federation, said last evening: "Matters have not reached the stage where arbitration could be called for. Both the anthracite and bituminous miners are represented in the Civic Federation among the anthracite operators in the Civic Federation is F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad, Francis L. Robbins, of Pittsburgh, may be said to represent the soft-coal interests."

Reject Demands of Miners.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the Illinois coal operators, which was held today at the Auditorium Hotel, it was decided by a unanimous vote to refuse the demands made by the United Mine Workers of America. The meeting was attended by 300 coal operators from all over the state. The decision to refuse the demands of the miners was reached by unanimous vote in a few minutes after the reading of the report of the National coal committee had been finished. The question of whether or not the miners

SUGGESTED FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENTY



Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton. The name of Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, was presented at the recent Lotus Club dinner in New York as the ideal candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in the next campaign. His name was suggested by Colonel George Harvey and was received with enthusiasm by the guests. Mr. Wilson is a Democrat of the old school and a native of Virginia. When nominated in 1896 he supported McKinley.

would be operated with nonunion men in the event of a strike on April 1 was not discussed.

In Illinois there are 15,000 soft-coal miners, who will be involved in case of a general walkout during the anthracite agreement. Millions of tons of coal are on hand for the emergency.

Miners' Strike Continues. PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Feb. 9.—Ten thousand miners of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Iron Company are still on strike, which was declared at a mass meeting yesterday. A committee of the miners, headed by National Secretary Treasurer W. H. Wilson, has been in conference all day with General Manager L. W. Robinson of the coal company. The conference is in session tonight.

Carpenters Given More Wages. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The 10,000 union carpenters of Chicago today secured an increase of wages of more than \$1,000,000 a year, through an agreement with the Carpenters & Builders' Association. By the terms of the agreement the men are given an advance from 50 to 55 cents an hour for the first year, with an increase to 60 cents an hour for the last two years of the agreement.

Hard Coal Conference February 15. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The clerical staff of most of the offices of the anthracite coal-carrying companies worked overtime yesterday in preparation for the coming conference with President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers. All the coal operators have replied to Mitchell's request for a conference, agreeing to meet him February 15.

ADOPTS BASIS OF UNION

TRI-CHURCH COUNCIL AGREES ON MAIN POINTS. Doctrine Policy and Vested Interests Arranged—Final Action Will Be Taken by Confederates.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 8.—The Tri-Church Council of the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches adjourned this afternoon after it had concurred in the reports of the committees on vested interests, doctrine and policy. The committees were made permanent creatures of the council and ordered to continue at work on the elaboration of the various details that enter into the polity of the three denominations.

The subcommittee on policy, composed of two from each church, will also have under consideration the name for the united organization, and this will be submitted at a meeting of the general council to be held within 18 months, the exact date and place to be later decided upon by the council officers. The place will probably be Topeka, Kan.

After the meeting of the council its final deliberations, or rather, the interpretation and elaboration of the general plans agreed upon at the sessions, just concluded, will be submitted to the national conferences of the three denominations represented for final approval. Thus actual organic unity will not be in effect for at least three years.

The more difficult problems relate to vested interests. Charters in some cases must be amended, the question of legacies disposed of and the business conduct of colleges and other institutions made conform to the new policies.

ANSWER DEEL

Judge Wickersham Denies the Charges of His Accusers.

HIS DECISIONS SUSTAINED

Alaska Jurist Says Presidents Appointed Him After Investigation of Same Charges—Senate Committee to Act Soon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Judge Wickersham of Alaska, whose nomination is held up in the Senate because of various charges, today filed with the judiciary committee a printed answer to all the accusations, which fills 119 pages. He takes up each charge separately and offers documentary and other proof that the charges are without foundation. He follows his answer with the statement that he is ready at any time to appear before the committee for cross-examination and also to produce witnesses from Alaska who are familiar with the facts to show that he is unjustly accused.

In presenting his answer, he says he has not been furnished the names of his accusers nor has he been confronted with the first bit of evidence against him, but has only a meager statement, couched in general terms, setting forth in general the charges made against him.

Answers Charges in Detail. In conclusion, Judge Wickersham calls attention to the fact that all those charges against him which are examined into by Judge Day, sent to Alaska for that purpose, and that the President, after reading Judge Day's report, promptly sent his (Wickersham's) nomination to the Senate, which in itself is very strong evidence that the charges have not been sustained.

Judge Wickersham says that the charges, in fact, are not new, but are old charges, for example, are answered by the record, which shows that during his term in Alaska he has decided 20 mining cases involving \$200,000, and not a single case out of this entire lot that was appealed to the higher court was reversed. In an equally emphatic manner he denies the charge of accepting a bribe from the Fairbanks, of corruption in connection with the opening of Gig Harbor, near Tacoma; of appointing to office W. H. Whittlesley after the latter had been removed from another office for embezzlement.

Accuser Confessed Falsehood. The old charge of seduction, which has many times been proved untrue, is again answered by producing the record showing that his former acquiescent, Sadie Brantner, of Seattle, subsequently admitted that she testified falsely against him under influence.

To the charge that he failed to regulate saloons and gambling in Alaska, he says this is the duty of the Marshal, not of the Judge. To the charge of approving false vouchers from the Marshal at Nome for the support of prisoners, he answers that no false vouchers were ever presented for his approval, and to the last charge, that of rendering a false judgment in a mining case, he cites the records to sustain his decision.

The committee will probably give early consideration to this answer and take action on the nomination.

STOPS CHEATING RESERVES

President Awaits Action on Heyburn Bill—Fulton's Forestry Plan.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 9.—No more forest reserves are to be created until Congress takes action one way or the other on Senator Heyburn's bill, which denies the President the right to create reserves by proclamation and restricts this power solely to Congress. This announcement was made today by an official of the Forest Service, who declared that orders to that effect had recently been issued by President Roosevelt. The President, inasmuch as his authority in this matter has been questioned by Congress, has decided to take no further steps until Congress shall determine by legislation whether or not the Executive has power to make forest reserves.

This decision has a direct bearing in Oregon, and will, temporarily, at least, stop the plan to create the Roseburg reserve in the southwestern part of the state, as well as the Blue Mountain and other reserves in Eastern Oregon. It will also postpone creation of the much-discussed Shoshone reserve in Idaho, which Mr. Heyburn has been persistently fighting for. This order is looked upon as a concession to Mr. Heyburn, but the Administration will temporarily turn down the Heyburn bill and recognize the right of the President to create forest reserves as heretofore.

Senator Fulton is gratified to know that the President has suspended the extension of forest reserves, and says that, in case Mr. Heyburn's bill is not acted upon, he will offer an amendment to one of the appropriation bills which will recognize the right of the President temporarily to withdraw land for forestry purposes, but which will give Congress the exclusive power to create permanent reservations. His amendment will provide that land temporarily withdrawn shall be examined, as at present, and the recommendations of the forest officials shall be sent to Congress for its guidance. If Congress fails to create the reserve at the session following the withdrawal, the land so withdrawn shall be thrown open to entry immediately after adjournment that session. This amendment, if carried, will have the effect of restricting temporary withdrawals to a period of more than one year.

CASH FOR MITCHELL'S WIDOW. Senate Allows Her Year's Salary According to Custom.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 9.—The Senate attached an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill paying \$6000 to the widow of Senator John H. Mitchell. This is in observance of a custom of paying widows of Senators who die in office the equivalent of one year's salary. Two other widows are similarly provided for in the bill.

Joy at Port Townsend. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 9.—The Secretary of the Treasury today informed Senator Piles that he will not abandon the marine hospital station at Port Townsend.

Must Address Mail by Name. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—At the Postoffice Department it was stated that an erroneous impression seems to exist in some parts of the country regarding the scope of rural free delivery service. Although the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General has recommended that mail matter be permitted to be addressed to rural boxes according to their numbers and not by any particular individual, the same is not yet given his approval to the same. In a few instances the proposition gave rise to complaint, it being alleged that

Store Opens at 3 A. M. Old's, Northman and King The Different Store—5th, 6th & Washington Sts. Store Closes at 6 P. M.

The Store's "Official Guide" to Bargains

Condensed and curtailed for hasty perusal of Busy Saturday Shoppers. Read, and run thro' the Household duties during the early morning hours, while all Nature is at her best, allowing a-plenty of time for week-end shopping to be over before 6 P. M., when—as you know is custom with modern "Big Stores"—this establishment closes its doors to allow hundreds of employes ample time for recreation and preparation for Sabbath observance.

Silks Saturday Half Price Dress Goods Too

If you miss this sale you'll miss wonderful and very exceptional savings. Annex—Fifth Street—First Floor. LAST DAY OF GREAT REMNANT SALE. Thousands of Remnants of Stylish, Durable Silks and Colored Dress Goods go today.

The Voting Contest Closes Today, at 6 P. M.

All votes must be in the ballot boxes before the closing gong rings tonight at 6 o'clock sharp. Standing of the leaders at 4 P. M. yesterday.

\$2500 Given to Charity

Table listing donations to charity: Patton Home, St. Vincent's Hospital, Fruit and Flower Mission, Crittenton Home, Salvation Army, People's Institute, Baby Home, Mount St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, George Semanin Hospital, Old Ladies' Home, Volunteers of America, Our Air Force, King's Daughters, Marshall-St. Church, Children's Home, Boy Scouts, Scattering, Total.

HALF PRICE WORKS MIRACLES IN SUIT SELLING! ALL RECORDS BROKEN AND THE BARGAINS CONTINUE SATURDAY. Choose Any 3/4-Length Coat Suit in the House at Half-Price

Grand Salons—Second Floor. An event fraught with interest to hundreds of women who have heard the news from the great Eastern fashion centers that 3/4-Length Suits are in Favor for Spring. Such Suits as we offer in this sale will be worn by smart dressers thro' the Spring months. The Suits: 3/4-length Coats, tight fitting; cheviots, broadcloths, serges and manish mixed suitings, all wanted colors; coats lined throughout with silk, in most lines, hand-tailored and made in perfect workmanship on correct and authoritative models. Values up from \$18.50 to \$75.00. CHOOSE ANY 3/4-LENGTH-COAT SUIT IN THE HOUSE AT 1/2 PRICE.

\$10.00 to \$20.00 Coats \$3.95. Three-quarter lengths, loose-fitting and English walking styles, tight and half-fitting coats, Empire and Redingote models, manish mixed tweedish goods, beaver cloths, riblines and jerseys, in blues, tans, grays, browns and mixtures; values \$10 to \$20, for \$3.95.

Women's Shirtwaists for Half. A special line, embracing albatross, basket cloth, Scotch flannel and other popular weaves, in neat plaids and all wanted colorings; values \$3.00 to \$7.50. Saturday, to close... 1/2 Price.

Dinner Sets Reduced. Third Floor. Dinner Sets, with one or more pieces missing, for One-Third off. Decorated French China Dinner Sets. Our \$18.50 value; special at the set... \$13.33. Our \$27.50 value; special at the set... \$20.00. Our \$43.00 value; special at the set... \$28.66.

Blankets and Bedroom Fittings. Fourth Floor. \$1.50 Navajo Blankets... \$4.50. \$1.30 Comforters... \$4.35. \$5.00 Pillows... \$8.95. Bed Sets—Half Price.

Drop-Prices in Hosiery. First Floor. Grand Hosiery values up to \$1.75 the pair; this sale... 50c. Good Hosiery values up to 40c the pair; this sale... 27c. Women's "out size"—large, full sizes—Hose in fine cashmere; regular 7c values; this sale... 4c. Children's 20c values in Black Hosiery; good, sturdy cotton fabric, in strong, perfect weaves; this sale... 12c. Children's Black Cashmere Hosiery; values to 40c; this sale... 25c. Boy's heavy, strong, well made Cotton Hose; fine or double ribbed; best regular 25c value; this sale, the pair... 15c.

Special sale odd Tablecloths, Huck Towels at Our-Fourth off. Dress Fabrics, Wash Stuffs, Sheetings at less than cost.



WOMEN'S \$3.50 SHOES FOR \$1.98. Women's Patent Colt Mat Calf Top Shoes, Goodness, welt soles and Cuban heels. Plain toes—Our \$3.50 value; Special Sale... \$1.98. Price, the pair... \$1.98. Also Women's All-Viel Kid Lace Shoes, with patent tips, military heel and extension soles; stylish and serviceable; Special Sale... \$1.98. Price, the pair... \$1.98. Twenty-five distinct styles in the lot. Priced at the pair... \$1.98.

WOMEN'S FANCY SLIPPERS FOR 25c. Three hundred pairs of Women's Slippers, in white, pink, blue and lemon kid, in strap and bow styles; odd lines which must be sold to make room for the incoming stock. These Slippers are in all sizes, but not every size in each style; the bargain of a lifetime. Values up to \$1.50; Special Sale Price... 25c the pair.

BABY SHOES FOR 35c. Baby Shoes, in red and black; button or lace styles; sizes 1 to 8—Our 75c value; Special Sale Price, the pair... 35c.

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