

STEAL THWARTED BY LAFOLETTE

Daring Attempt Made to Sell Indians' Rich Coal Land Far Below Value.

OFFICIALS HAVE INTEREST

Relatives of Interior Department Men Said to Be Behind Scheme to Acquire Great Tracts From the Southern Indians.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Senator LaFollette, by a few quick questions in the committee on Indian affairs today, brought to light what appears to be one of the most gigantic schemes ever practiced upon the Indian tribes. Under the bill pending it is proposed to dispose of the coal lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians for some nominal sum, estimated at \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000. These lands are really worth at least \$5,000,000, and will produce to the Indians, under the terms at which they are now leased, \$105,000,000.

The bill would have been recommended for passage today had not Mr. LaFollette asked the questions which brought to light the "blagzer." Tomorrow it will be on for another hearing, and at that time, it is said by attorneys representing the Indians, evidence will be produced to show that relatives of men high in the Interior Department are interested in the leases of these lands.

The bill provides for the final disposition of the affairs of the five civilized tribes. The Choctaw and the Chickasaw tribes have about 250,000 acres of coal land, of which 10,500 acres are under lease. Under the amendment the land is to be sold, the value of the leased lands to be determined by appraisers, one to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, one by the majority of the lessees, and these to select a third, the lessees to have preference in opportunity to purchase at the appraised value. In making the valuation the amendment provides that "said appraisers shall not consider any increased value on the land caused by improvements and developments placed thereon by said lessees. This land has been developed for twenty years, and the effect of this clause would be to cause the appraisement of the land practically at the value of 20 years ago.

Senator Clark, a member of the committee, said, when the valuation was made clear to him that apparently a big fraud had been thwarted. He said the land in question is worth today \$50,000,000 and will double in value in 10 years.

The Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad is the present lessee of the land and would be the beneficiary under the bill, which now bids fair to die in committee. The railway attorneys have been lobbying for the bill for weeks, but the attorneys of the Indians have not been given a hearing. When they appeared before the committee last week they were told that they were too late, that they should have appeared before the committee when it had the bill. Mr. LaFollette told the full committee today that he would insist on a full hearing being given to the Indians' attorneys.

CONFER ON WAGES TODAY

Committees of Anthracite Operators and Miners Assemble.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The anthracite mine operators, including the presidents of the coal-carrying railroads and several independent operators, came to a general agreement today as to the policy they will pursue at the conference to be held on Thursday between themselves on the one hand and the president and other representatives of the United Mineworkers on the other. All the presidents of the anthracite roads and a number of independent operators are expected to be present, and about 15 of the miners' committee, including President Mitchell.

It is expected that the miners' committee will put forward its demands at the first meeting. The intention of the operators is then to adjourn the meeting in order to take time to consider their reply. The president of one road said to the Associated Press today that, while the operators knew their position, they will not reply hastily, but give due consideration to the demands of the union.

Must Strike or Back Down

The operators' position, elicited by careful canvass, is, as one president put it, such that "the miners will have to strike or back down."

"We do not propose," he said, "to accede to their demands in any way, and don't see what else they can do but strike."

It was stated that there are 6,000,000 tons of coal already mined, which might serve as a reserve fund, not 10,000,000, as has been stated. If a strike comes in March no serious hardship to the public will ensue, but the operators say a strike in November would be another matter.

Miners Prepare Demands.

The special case committee of the anthracite mine workers, numbering 25 members, tonight held its first meeting since coming to New York, at which it took up the demands to be presented to the operators. The subcommittee, which has had charge of getting the grievances in shape for formal presentation to the employers, held an all-day session, but was unable to complete its work. In order to save time tomorrow, it was decided to call the full committee together tonight formally to go over the work that has been completed.

Mr. Mitchell and the other members of the committee remain silent as to the exact nature of the demands to be made. It is understood, however, that the miners will put up a strong fight for a change in the methods of the board of conciliation. The mine workers are dissatisfied with the present method of settling difficulties, and say there always will be friction until another method is found. There is a growing belief that, if the operators will be liberal in granting concessions, the demand for the recognition of the union may not be pressed.

Edward McKay, of Pittsburg, a National organizer in the miners' union, who was sent for by Mr. Mitchell for the purpose of discussing the situation in the Pittsburg district, is ill in a Jersey City hospital. He was taken sick on a train on his way to New York. His condition is

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not regarded as serious, and he probably will be able to leave the institution tomorrow.

Strike at Two Coal Mines.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 13.—The miners and laborers at the two collieries of the Scranton Coal Company at Rensselaersham, near here, went on strike today. The men say the company has discriminated against them in reduction of wages, contrary to the award of the strike commission, and that the reduction is an entering wedge to a general cut in wages to be put into effect in the entire region before the award of the commission expires, on April 1. Twelve hundred men are involved.

Strike Out of Sympathy.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Feb. 13.—Seven hundred employees of the Pittsburgh Reduction Company went out on a sympathetic strike today, because of an order affecting eight heaters at the smelters.

PACKERS' TRIAL DRAGGING

Witnesses Give Details and Judge Tries to Hurry Lawyers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—But two witnesses were on the stand today in the packers' trial, both of them employees of Swift & Co. Their testimony was simply a rehash of what others have told relative to the matter for which the agents of the Government asked at the office of the packers and of how they received it. When court met pursuant to the noon adjournment, Judge Humphrey asked the attorneys if they could not agree to hold longer sessions, saying that the trial was dragging in the amount of time it is taking. Nothing was done today in the way of extending the sessions but something may be done tomorrow.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Petersburg, Natal.—The recent small native outbreak here has been practically dead. London.—Rev. R. C. Fitzgibbon has been sent by a church court today to deprivation of his position as a clergyman of the church of England, because he had not apologized and promised to reform. He was ordained a Nonconformist in an unauthorized manner and of how they received it. When court met pursuant to the noon adjournment, Judge Humphrey asked the attorneys if they could not agree to hold longer sessions, saying that the trial was dragging in the amount of time it is taking. Nothing was done today in the way of extending the sessions but something may be done tomorrow.

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Boys' Laundered Waists in pretty percales, light and medium shades, also white, in Russian blouse and Fauntleroy styles, prettily trimmed with embroidery. Regular \$1.00 to \$1.75 values—special at... 69c

vills, Ill., when he discovered the latter in the company of Mrs. Murphy, was released Tuesday in \$10,000. Mrs. Murphy was put under bond on a charge of secondary conduct. Padfield is in the Chicago Emergency Hospital suffering from two bullet wounds, neither of which is serious.

Fancy Leather Belts for Half. Ladies' Fine Leather Belts; fine assortment of various styles. Special for today's selling at... HALF PRICE. Leather Goods Aisle, First Floor.

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The Suits—\$15.00 to \$75.00

CIRCULAR SKIRTS are most in vogue. In the new showings you'll note many light plaids and smart mannish mixtures in tweedish effects. "Smoked plaids" are "hot" favorites. Many new black Panamas in trig walking length. Price choosing on Skirts allows... \$3.50 to \$28.50

New Spring Jackets

Are being shown mainly in Coverts, fashioned in tight-fitting models, boxy effects and jaunty "Pony" styles. Some blacks are shown among the latest creations, these latter being in the tight-fitting effects. Wide choosing as to price... \$5 to \$50

The Benevolent Fund Contest Closes: The Final Result

A BRIEF RESUME

Pursuant to the usual custom of the OLDS, WORTMAN & KING Store, at the close of each fiscal year—which occurs on the 10th of February—it will distribute an amount of money among the charitable institutions or organizations of Portland, known as its annual "Benevolent Fund." The amount of business done by the house the past year being considerably larger than in any previous year, the firm decided to increase its contribution to charity in proportion to the business prosperity accorded it by the public.

FINAL RESULT IN THE BENEVOLENT FUND VOTING CONTEST: St. Vincent's Hospital 227,641; Fruit and Flower Mission 225,061; Patton Home 193,144; Crittenstone Home 138,667; Salvation Army 121,735; People's Institute 63,807; Baby Home 60,256; Mt. St. Joseph's Home for the Aged 50,070; Good Samaritan Hospital 43,328; Old Ladies Home 20,757; Volunteers of America 12,952; Open Air Fund 10,560; King's Daughters of Marshall-Street Church 8,264; Children's Home 7,609; Boys' and Girls' Aid Society 5,998; Scattering 25,728; Total 1,205,577

A Fascinating "Rummage Sale" of Jewelry Pieces

To clean up on a lot of Odds and Ends that accumulated during our busy holiday and clearance sales, we have placed on sale some very interesting bargains for our jewelry store patrons.

Men's Bargains. First Floor Annex—Sixth Street. Rousing bargains for men patrons. A new line of Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched in 1/2 and 3/4-inch effects—best 25c values today for half... 10c

subject will be "The Responsibilities of Citizenship to the State." Denver.—The Colorado & Southern Railroad shops were destroyed by fire Tuesday, which started in the various departments. Loss estimated at \$200,000.