

MINERS' DEADLOCK CALLS DEAL OFF

Question of Admitting Illinois Delegates Causes Open Rupture.

NO ACTION ON WALKOUT

Unable to Effect Organization Mine Operators and Workers Adjourn Since Die—May Work Out Plan to Meet Again Soon.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 4.—Unable to effect an organization because of the deadlock on the admission of Illinois delegates from Illinois, the joint wage conference of the bituminous coal operators and miners of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania adjourned tonight since die.

No provision was made for another meeting. The adjournment, it is declared, does not mean necessarily a suspension of work at the expiration of the present contract, April 1.

Act Would Affect All.

This would affect all bituminous districts controlled by the United Mine Workers, as they decreed at their Indianapolis convention that no district should sign a wage scale until the scales for all districts were negotiated. Both sides have declared, however, they will not re-consider the Illinois proposition.

Some plan may be worked out to get the miners and operators together again before April 1. It may be a call for another convention or the selection of a representative scale committee.

A meeting of the boards of the miners was called for tomorrow. The night session lasted only a short time. As no one had anything to say, the faculty of continuing the session was expressed by President Lewis. His suggestion for dividing the responsibility for adjournment was followed. A delegate from the miners moved to adjourn and one from the operators seconded it.

Only Unanimous Vote Recorded.

A call by votes resulted in the only unanimous vote recorded in the meeting today.

The deadlock was brought about by a division on all points between the miners and operators voting by states. The miners refused to agree to seating delegates from other states unless the Illinois miners were included. The rules require a unanimous vote on each proposition. The operators stood firm on the ground that the Illinois operators had notified both parties that they were not bound by any agreement reached here.

NEW SERGEANTS ON TOUR

Promoted Officers Assigned to Duty. Patrolmen "Shaken Up."

The three police sergeants recently appointed by the Police Commission assumed their new duties last night. Each of the new incumbents was assigned to a night relief. Sergeant Patton will tour the East Side precincts, on the first night relief. Sergeants Wanless and Roberts were transferred to the second night relief. They were assigned to districts on either side of the river last night. With the promotion of Patton, Wanless and Roberts and the addition of six patrolmen to the ranks, the membership of the Police Department now numbers 171.

To facilitate work on the downtown patrol, a shakeup was made by Captain Bailey in the first night relief last night. Fifteen patrolmen were shifted to "green" beats. Other changes will follow.

CONTRACTORS SUE MAYOR

Kiggins of Vancouver Refuses to Sign Contract—Mandate Sought.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Praying for writs of mandate compelling Mayor J. F. Kiggins, of Vancouver, to sign and execute contracts for about \$50,000 of street improvements, Rector & Daly, contractors, today filed six suits in the Superior Court.

The City Council created the improvement districts, passed ordinances providing for the improvements and let the contracts early in 1909, but the Mayor refused to sign them. A suit similar to the ones filed today was tried before Judge W. W. McCredie, now Representative in Congress, and decided in favor of the Mayor. This case is being carried to the Supreme Court by the contracting company, and the six new suits are to come before Judge Donald McMaster of the Superior Court.

GEN. ANDERSON HONORED

Washington Banquets Army Man, Real History Maker.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Brigadier-General Thomas M. Anderson, United States Army, retired, was tonight the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Washington Volunteers Association. He has been closely identified with the history of the Northwest and Alaska.

The distinction of being in command of the first American regiment that ever crossed an ocean is also his. To those are added his Army record of having risen from a private to Major-General of Volunteers, and from Lieutenant to Brigadier-General in the Regular Army.

PIONEER DIES IN SLEEP

Thomas J. Smith, Once Washington Legislator, Is Dead.

ELK CITY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Thomas J. Smith, one of the county's most prominent citizens, died at his home on Big Elk River, six miles above this place, shortly after 3 o'clock, of heart failure. Mr. Smith was in his 64th year. He crossed the plains as a babe in 1846.

Mr. Smith was aroused from sleep by her husband's heavy breathing, but he was dead before aid could be summoned. Mr. Smith formerly served three successive terms as State Senator in the Washington Legislature.

New Firms Incorporated.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State as follows:

Howard Contract Company, Portland, capital stock, \$1,000,000; incorporators, J. B. Stanley, Roscoe Howard and A. F. Bliss. Oriental Rip Company, Portland, capital stock, \$4000; incorporators, Charles Fong, Fong Yan Duck and Hi Long. The People's Amusement Company, Port-

land, capital stock, \$400,000; incorporators, Charles H. Hill, H. F. Adamson and D. S. S. Cohen. Wilkes Abstract and Title Company, Hillsboro, capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, H. M. Stevenson, E. L. Johnson and John R. Hollister. Yamhill Mutual Telephone Company, Yamhill, capital stock, \$2500; incorporators, W. G. Moore, E. B. Flett and A. C. Goodrich.

ITALIAN SUSPECTS LET GO

Detective Price Seeks Man Who Sent Him Threatening Letter.

Vito Linoco and Leonardo Carcano, middle-aged Italians, were picked up by Detectives Price and Carpenter in the North End last night and accused of knowing something about the authorship of the Black Hand letter received by Detective Price several days ago. Two magazine revolvers were found secreted in their clothing. Both the Italians professed their ignorance of the threat made against the sheriff's life. Friends of the prisoners came to their assistance, and the suspects were liberated.

Hint of the murder of Domenico Abastine, an Italian laborer, in the South End three weeks ago, Detectives

PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BASEBALL CLUBS

Thomas M. Chivington, president of the American Association of Baseball Clubs, is in the city today. He succeeded Joseph D. O'Neil, who was a candidate for re-election. He will remove the headquarters of the association from Milwaukee to Chicago.



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Price and Carpenter have been active in the case. Their efforts in hunting for the assassin have aroused the wrath of an unknown gang or individual in the Italian settlement. Detective Price was the recipient of the threatening letter Wednesday. The missive, written in Italian, bore the seal of the Black Hand society, over which were scrawled the words "Johnnie Price, I kill you."

The receipt of the letter, combined with the facts learned in the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the murder, strengthened the theory of the police that Abastine was a marked victim of one of the Italian death-dealing organizations.

TIMBER DEAL IS \$1,000,000

Swift & Co. Buy Large Holdings on Vancouver Island.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Involving approximately \$1,000,000 and affecting 1,000,000,000 feet of spruce timber in British Columbia, a deal has just been made whereby a syndicate composed of James Hackett, Thomas Morgan and James Shields, of Aberdeen, and several Seattle men disposed of their holdings to Swift & Co., Chicago bankers.

It is said the new owners will at once build a large pulp mill on the property. There is abundant water power at hand to utilize in furnishing power for the mill plant. The timber is located on the north coast of Vancouver Island, in the Kootenai district.

COUNTY ASSESSORS AGREE

Washington Timber to Be Counted 300,000 Feet to an Acre.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—The County Assessors of the various timbered counties of this state met here today and decided that timber lands in their respective counties should be assessed at the same percentage as all other property in the county where the timber is located.

It was agreed that timber land for assessment purposes should run 300,000 feet to each 40 acres and the minimum assessment on land additional to the timber assessments should be \$1 an acre.

SMALLPOX TO BE CURBED

Walla Walla, With 28 Cases, Will Take Precautions.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 4.—Health authorities here are taking elaborate precautions to prevent further spread of smallpox.

There are now 28 cases under quarantine in the city. No deaths have occurred.

MORE VIOLATORS CAUGHT

Alleged Liquor Dispensers Taken In Near Prineville.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Three more arrests were made by Sheriff Elkins yesterday for violating the prohibition law. They were Dell Eads and Bruce Haylor, of Paulino, and a druggist named Sigel, at Madras. This makes a total of 17 arrests during the week.

Boy With Two Pistols Arrested.

Carrying two revolvers and a quantity of ammunition, Johnny Campbell, 15 years old, and living with his parents at 150 East Eighth street, North End, was arrested by Patrolman Porter at Front and Main streets last night and taken to headquarters. The lad will be turned over to the Juvenile Court.

Young Campbell admitted to the police that he was an adherent to "Diamond Dick" literature.

Right-of-Way Agents Active.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Owners of land along the north slough admit that the Southern Pacific is negotiating for the purchase of a right of way in that locality. This would indicate that the railroad is figuring on crossing the bay at North Bend. The deals for the right of way will be closed, it is said, when out-of-town owners arrive here.

SECRETARY BALLINGER'S COUNSEL TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE.

COMMITTEE NOT PREPARED

Fresh Start, Resulting in Disclosure of Facts That Interest Public.

Will Be Made—Pinchot Press Agent Busy.

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Secretary Ballinger, saying that he had been directed by the members to suggest to him the importance of being represented by counsel to examine and cross-examine witnesses, and to present to the committee in orderly fashion such evidence as would be material to "the other side."

Replying to this letter under date of February 3, Mr. Ballinger said he had followed the suggestion of the committee, but that it would require several days for his attorney to reach Washington and some additional time to familiarize himself with the case. Mr. Ballinger said he had been of the opinion that by not having counsel present he would be assisting the committee, or at least would not be hampering it, in making a full inquiry of its own. In view of the suggestion by the chairman, however, he could do nothing but follow the recommendation of the committee. He asked that the further hearings be postponed until Monday, February 14.

Delay Is Granted.

Following an executive session, which lasted nearly an hour, the letters were read to the public and the adjournment until February 14 ordered. It was said there had been a pretty lively discussion in the executive session over the question of postponement, some of the committee members strenuously opposing any delay at this time.

Absolutely no benefit will result from the investigation unless the investigating committee goes to the bottom of the charges made against the administration of the Interior Department and Forest Service. If the inquiry continues along the lines of following the testimony of partisan witnesses, it will be little enlightening as to the actual facts. One of the tangled mass of testimony partisan witnesses will be able to make as much capital as was possible before the investigation started.

The whole handling of the investigation, heretofore, had been unfortunate for the Administration. The trouble started when the House of Representatives, in a moment of disinterest, adopted an amendment proposed by Representative Poindexter, of Washington, permitting the witnesses before the committee to appoint their own counsel. The House gave this amendment consideration whatever and adopted it without just a few minutes before adjournment. Senate members, busy in securing an effective investigation, announced that the Poindexter amendment would be rejected, because the appearance of counsel would complicate the inquiry and prolong its proceedings, and the amendment was voted down in the Senate, but when the bill went to conference the Senate yielded, and the amendment was reintroduced only to government officials and ex-officials.

Committee Not Prepared.

Before the investigation began the cabinet discussed the advisability of detaining or employing an attorney to be present at the inquiry to represent the committee with documentary evidence of the Interior Department and it was decided that such attorney would not be necessary.

So the inquiry started with counsel representing Pinchot, Pinchot, Shattuck, Price, but with no legal or other representative of the Interior Department present. The proceedings made no sense very far when it was evident to spectators that no member of the investigating committee had prepared for the hearing. The committee was not thorough and comprehensive study of the questions involved. Some were groping in the dark, and had only a general knowledge of conditions and were unfamiliar with details. This was the situation which Glavis was on the stand.

Glavis gave testimony similar to that which was contained in his original report to the President. Frequently the committee's instructions at Secretary Ballinger or Commissioner Bennett, or made statements framed to convey certain impressions, and did not follow them up with proof. Glavis was a clever and trained witness, for frequently these insinuations passed unchallenged, and frequently, when pressed for further explanation, he would interject a fresh remark, suggesting an entirely new line of thought and thus led the committee from one topic to another, in a way avoiding a request for elucidation or substantiation of some statement brought into question. He was a witness of a skillful partisan, for seldom did the committee get back to the original question. Thus was Glavis enabled to get before the committee and before the country the identical type of attack which he submitted to the President. The type that was denounced by President Taft and by Attorney-General Wickersham.

There is no question that the investigating committee could learn a great deal from Glavis if the members of the committee were thoroughly familiar with the case, and had followed up the various insinuating remarks which were embodied in his testimony. There is little doubt that an attorney representing the Interior Department could have aided the committee materially in this respect, but there was no such attorney present—no representative of the department or the Secretary.

Glavis Pinchot and his former assistants, who joined with Glavis in investigating the charges against Secretary Ballinger, have been in constant attendance from the beginning of the investigation with their attorneys. They have followed the evidence and are prepared to back up Glavis when they go on the stand. On the other hand, no witness from the Interior Department has been present. No one has been following the inquiry for the Secretary, and the defense through this arrangement, is placed at a decided disadvantage, while the advantage to the accused is immeasurable. The attorneys for Glavis, Pinchot and others, moreover, are to have the privilege later on of cross-questioning all witnesses for the Interior Department and the Interior Department has no representative to cross-question Glavis and his associates.

This may be changed now that the "defendants" are to have John V. Egan, of Nashville, and Carl Rasch, formerly United States District Attorney in the Montana district, will represent Secretary Ballinger, Commissioner Bennett

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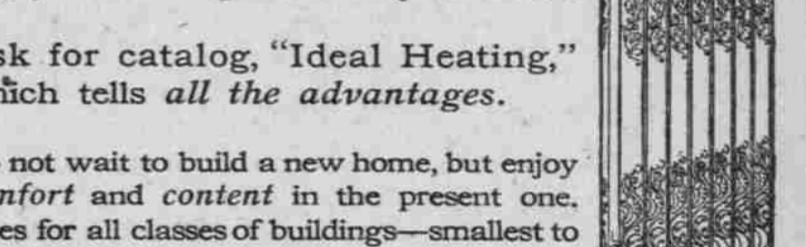
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