

UNION DISCLAIMS
BLAME FOR ARMS

Refusal of Miners to Surrender Guns to Militia Is Upheld by Secretary.

PUBLIC OPINION IS HOPE

Labor Leader Says Strikes Not Won by Violence—Proof of Operators' Men Starting Colorado Trouble Declared Available.

DENVER, Dec. 14.—Edward J. Doyle, secretary-treasurer of District 15, United Mineworkers of America, in his testimony before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, today asserted that the union did not hold itself responsible for the firing of the strikers, since its leaders had no authority to compel obedience except to the rules and regulations of the union. The arms were personal property. He thought it proper for strikers not to turn over all their arms to the militia because they were apprehensive as to how they were to be treated after the arms were given up.

Numerous telegrams, letters and exhibits were turned over to the commission by the witness at his office.

Answers Are Refused. This matter was not introduced formally into the record, but was used as a basis for questions which the witness declined to answer on the ground that he was one of a number of labor leaders under indictment for conspiracy to murder.

The questions related to the purchase of arms by the union. The witness offered to produce evidence that the employes of operators started the violence, if the commission would pay the expense of the trip.

No strike, he declared, had ever been won by violence. Public opinion in the last analysis decided strikes, he declared, and the strikers were handicapped by the lack of good education among their leaders and the funds to hire literary talent to present their side.

Southern Miners Lose. Much had been gained by the strike, he declared, in the field, but in the Northern field the miners had lost ground. Although the Southern miners had not secured their demands the operators now, he said, had the men can and will strike. The spirit of the men was such that they will not allow themselves to be imposed on again and the operators, because of the spirit, he said, would be inclined to treat their men with more consideration.

Such an exposition as this six months ago," he declared, "would have ended the strike differently."

PASSENGER FARES HIGHER

New Routes Now Effective in Eastern Territory.

8 UTILITIES BODIES UNITE

State Commissions to Concentrate Against Freight Rate Increase.

MONOPOLY IS ADVOCATED

F. T. Griffith Tells Senate Committee Regulation Is Right.

BELGIUM CALLED 'NORMAL'

Von der Goltz Says "Life Continues as if in Peace Time."

BERLIN, via The Hague and London, 10:20 A. M., Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Tageblatt in Sofia, Bulgaria, telegraphs an interview he had with Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz, while the latter was on his way to Constantinople. Regarding Belgium, Baron von der Goltz said:

"The situation is normal, the population having convinced themselves that the Germans are not barbarians. Life continues as if in peace time and commerce and transportation are getting better.

their fatherland. Such opponents should be esteemed. Answering questions regarding the war situation in the West, the Field Marshal pointed out that an army of millions of German soldiers was in the enemy's country and that the richest French provinces were occupied.

"We don't underestimate our opponents," he said. "The French and English fight with utter contempt for death, but we are gradually winning ground and are convinced that someday the enemy's resistance will be broken."

"Germany is prepared to wage the war for the side which is able to stand the most and has the best discipline is bound to win. The enthusiasm and morale of the German soldier, fostered by good supply of arms, we are sure, will ultimately make us victorious."

Speaking of the situation in the East, Field Marshal von der Goltz said he considered the Russian offensive had been a failure, but that hard fighting was still in prospect.

"But the German army," he added, "which was victorious earlier against superior numbers, is bound to be so in the future."

Field Marshal von der Goltz said he was convinced that the Turkish army had greatly profited by its hard work during the last few years, and would make a good record.

PROXY AUDACIOUS LIVES

BRITAIN TO FIT AND REBAPTIZE CHILEAN DREADNOUGHT.

Banker Who Saw New Vessel Being Fitted for Battle at Belfast Says Silence Will Soon Be Broken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special).—"The Audacious is dead, long live the Audacious."

That is the principle on which the British government has been acting in maintaining silence as to the destruction of its 25,000-ton dreadnought off the north coast of Ireland, according to a well-known New York banker who saw the original Audacious perish and who saw the new Audacious being fitted for battle at Belfast.

His story, which is based on personal experience, is that the original Audacious was taken over by England near the entrance to Lough Swilly, sunk by a German submarine or mines. He further says one of the two 25,000-ton dreadnoughts taken over by England from Chile, either the Almirante Cochrane or the Almirante La Terre, both tremendously powerful war fighters and each carrying 10 14-inch guns, has been renamed Audacious and will be sent soon to join the battle fleet under that traditional and historic name.

Then it is expected the British government will break the silence about the disaster of Lough Swilly, offering the people a finer and more modern dreadnought than the one which was destroyed.

CHEGAGOANS' AGENT SHOT

Czech Executed in Prague as Plotter With Body in America.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen asserts that a Czech resident of Prague had been shot for corresponding with a Czech agent in America, it is alleged, is carrying on a campaign for the establishment of an independent kingdom in Bohemia.

CHEGAGO, Dec. 14.—Little surprise was expressed in Bohemian circles here today at a dispatch telling that a Czech resident of Prague had been shot for corresponding with a Czech agent in America, it is alleged, is carrying on a campaign for the establishment of an independent kingdom in Bohemia.

It was freely admitted by Chicago Bohemians that there are several organizations which have as their object the freedom of Bohemia, and any one of them might have had correspondence with agents in Austria.

"Most of the Czechs outside of Bohemia are united to free their country," said J. R. Penka, secretary of the Bohemian National Union. "The one at Rheims a number of Bohemian military companies which are supporting them. Shooting an agent of ours would not delay the end which is certain to come. Victory for the allies against Austria and Germany means freedom for us."

ARIZONA ACTS PROCLAIMED

Dry Law and Anti-Allen Labor Measure Effective January 1.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Governor George W. P. Hunt late today proclaimed the measures carried at the November election, including the prohibition and the anti-alien labor measures, effective January 1, 1915.

The attack upon the dry law in the form of four separate applications for injunctions will be filed in the Federal Court, probably tomorrow at Tucson.

The measure providing that 89 per cent of the employees in all businesses with five or more employees be Americans, has been protested to the State Department recently by the British and Italian Ambassadors upon the theory that it violates treaty rights of aliens.

COTTON SHIPMENTS FALL

Germany Gets Only 1052 Bales in Four Months, Statistics Show.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Germany, during the last four months, received only 1052 bales of American cotton, 1000 bales of which was sent last month, as shown today by Census Bureau statistics. November's total cotton exports were slightly more than one-half as much as November a year ago, while the shipments abroad during the last four months showed a decrease of 2,801,000 bales.

Cotton used in the United States showed a falling off compared with the same month last year and the quantity of cotton on hand November 29 in independent warehouses was 1,745,000 bales more than at that time last year.

NEUTRALITY BODY CALLED

Plans for Assertion of Pan-American Rights to Be Devised.

MEXICANS PROMISE
AND FIRE CONTINUES

President Wilson Is Expected to Wait Another Day for Obedience to Orders.

2 AMERICANS ARE KILLED

Bandits Blamed for Double Murder in Sonora, and Punishment Will Be Demanded—Carranza Says Return Shots Mean War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Although both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza assured the American Government that their forces had been instructed to confine their fire to Mexican territory, nothing official had been received late today to indicate the receipt of such instructions by the respective commanders at Naco.

Officials here are unable to understand the delay in the delivery of the messages, copies of which have passed through American telegraph lines to Naco. In the meantime intermittent firing continues.

President Still Waits. The general belief tonight was that President Wilson would be acting in another day, perhaps discussing the subject with his Cabinet tomorrow, and then if the demands of the United States were not complied with, the threats of the Washington Government to return with artillery fire any firing into American territory would be carried out. As yet, however, no further orders have been sent to Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss, in charge of the situation at Naco, Ariz.

Secretary Bryan had received no further word tonight of the circumstances surrounding the killing of Thomas Francis and R. E. Dunn of Pittsburg, Pa., at Cananea, but as soon as the responsibility is determined, it is understood he will make demand for punishment of the guilty parties. The reports thus far received say they were killed by irresponsible bandits.

Carranza Men Take Town. Admiral Howard, commanding the American squadron on the west coast of Mexico, has learned through the cruiser Denver at Ensenada that a Carranza force of 1200, under General Iturbe, has taken La Paz, Lower California, and that quiet now prevails there.

General Carranza, through Consul Canada, at Vera Cruz, today formally advised the State Department that any force by the American Government at Naco, Ariz., in their efforts to keep Mexican bullets from American soil, "will be considered an act of hostility, however well-disposed the Government may be." This agrees with the General's statement at Vera Cruz Saturday.

PULLMAN HEART SHOWN

PRICE OF CARS CUT TO GIVE WORK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

"It May Not Be Good Business," Says Company Official, But 6500 Homes Are Open to Santa Claus.

CHEGAGO, Dec. 14.—(Special).—Yuletide good feeling won a race with strict business at the Pullman Company offices when the recent order for the Northern Pacific Railroad for 1,800,000 worth of equipment was under consideration. And the spirit of Yuletide won.

From an authoritative source it was learned today that the order was accepted on practically a cost basis for the purpose of giving the Pullman employees there are 6500 of them, a chance to bring Christmas cheer into their homes.

"Maybe it was not good business and maybe it was," said a high official of the company. "We think that in times like these it is up to the big concerns to set a good example by looking on the humanitarian side. We figured the job just as nearly on a cost basis as we could for the express purpose of keeping our men at work. Ordinarily we would have rejected the order, but we wouldn't say that we would take

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MEDICAL MEN WILL AID AMERICANS UNITE FOR RELIEF OF PROFESSION IN BELGIUM. Five Thousand Doctors and Pharmacists in Stricken Nation Will Receive Food, Clothing, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A movement was completed today for the formation of an organization of physicians, surgeons and pharmacists of the United States to relieve the 5000 Belgians of those professions. It was announced tonight at the headquarters of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium.

These united doctors and pharmacists will act nationally to provide food, clothing and medicines for the Belgians. The organization was inspired by the formation of a similar body among the noted surgeons of England.

Dr. Frank P. Simpson, of Pittsburg, is treasurer of the new organization. Among those who already have identified themselves with the movement are Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn.; Dr. Franklin Martin, of Chicago; Dr. William L. Rodman, president of the American Medical Association; Dr. J. M. Flinn, president of the American College of Surgeons; Dr. George H. Simmons, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association; and Dr. Thomas L. Stedman, editor of the Medical Record.

WORK FOR IDLE PLANNED California Commission Would Use Labor to Reclaim Vast Area.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—With the double end in view of providing for the unemployed and of developing the resources of the state, the California Conservation Commission decided here today to undertake an immediate reconnaissance of 3,000,000 acres of land along the Colorado River in San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties, now held by the Federal Government.

The reconnaissance is to be completed before the Legislature adjourns and a report to the Legislature is to be made. Roughly speaking, the land extends southward about 30 miles from a point north of Needles in a strip about 47 miles wide along the Colorado River.

Under the Carey act the state may

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