ABSENTEE OWNERS

House Committee Declares Colorado Strike Conditions Nation-Wide in Scope.

FEDERAL LAW DEMANDED

Private Guard System Characterized as Sure to Provoke Trouble. Adjutant-General Chase Is Found "Overbearing."

WASHINGTON, March 2 -- A scathing arraignment of the Colorado militia for its treatment of striking miners and their families is contained in a voluminous report submitted to the woluminous report submitted to the House today by the mines and mining sub-committee which investigated conditions in the Colorado coal fields under a resolution adopted a year ago. While scoring conditions generally in the coal fields and criticising many of the acts of the mine operators, inof the acts of the mine operators, in-cluding alleged violation of state laws, the committee reports that no evidence was found of a conspiracy in restraint of trade to limit the output of the mines, nor conclusive proof of the ex-istence of peonage.

Appeal for Arbitration Made. Appeal for Arbitration Made.

The committee appeals for arbitration in such situations. It declares that these disturbances are Nationwide in their importance; that the Federal Government is the only power competent to deal with them and, after referring to the testimony of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who disclaimed responsibility for Colorado conditions, adds:

sponsibility adds:
"Absentee owners or directors by their absence from the scene of such disturbances cannot escape their moral responsibility for conditions in and about properties in which they are interested."

Acts of Brutality Charged.

"There were acts of brutality testified to before the committee which might be enumerated; men on slight provocation were thrown into jail and kept there without the opportunity of proving their innocence. There were many good men in the militia, both officers and privates, and the strikers testifying said that certain companies were composed of kind men and if their houses were to be searched they asked that members of these companies might that members of these companies might be sent; but if others were sent to do the searching they would be subjected to indignities and probably would be robbed of whatever they might have that the militia wanted."

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The committee denounces John M. Chase, Adjutant-General of the militia of the state, for his refusal to testify except upon condition that he would not be questioned by representatives of the miners, and declares that he was "overbearing to all who came in contact with him."

LONDON, Feb. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Many Americans have been induced to ship on British steamers as horse tenders with promises of good pay and a return ticket with him."

thought necessary, the committee comments, "but wherever it exists, sooner or later trouble will occur and proper officers of the law should be substituted, who will be impartial in maintaining peace and order."

Peonage Not Proved. Concerning the charge that the operators were guilty of peonage, the com-

ators were guilty of peonage, the committee reports:

"We did not find it clearly proved that a condition of peonage existed in the coal fields of Colorado, but we found that during the strike men were brought in from other states by the car and trainload and were delivered to the militia, many of them being foreigners and unacquainted with the work of mining coal. We do not believe it was proved that the operators forcibly kept men in camp until their debts were paid, but that they rather endeavored to hold those who already were in camp before the strike and to prevent those who had been taken in as strikebreakers from going outside."

In any pack on another steamer.

On arriving they often fail to get the money promised and are frequently turned loose to shift for themselves. Sometimes they are given \$2.50 and an offer for return passage on a ship sailing a month hence. Obviously, the man cannot wait and often he offers to work his way home for nothing.

These unfortunate men have been appealing for help to American officials in London. Since November 1 more than 100 have made known their distress. The American relief committee can help only Americans impoverished by the war; it cannot aid men who have come over since the fighting began.

American officials in England and France are making every effort to discourage Americans from coming into

are Nation-wide in scope, the committee reaches this conclusion:

"It should be the duty of the Government to assist any states in settling a dispute that is Nation-wide in its scope, and if any Federal law can be enacted that will help not only Colorado, but any other state that may be similarly situated, it is the duty of Congress speedily to put upon the statute books the necessary laws so that such industrial disturbances may forever cease."

Shipping agents in America.

For years the mistreatment of American search coming to Europe on forcing necessary has been the subject of much complaint, but since the opening of the war conditions have become much worse. There are evidences of a general understanding between ship officers and shipping agents to fleece unsuspecting and inexperienced men.

Nothing Done by Rockefeller, The committee declare that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., did nothing to improve the condition of the employes of the company in which he is stockholder

and director. "Mr. Rockefeller," says the report, "Mr. Rockefeller," says the report, "a large stockholder of the most powerful company in the state, has done a great deal for the uplift of the people in other parts of the country and in foreign lands, spending millions of dollars in this work, yet he has not endeavored to improve the condition of the more than 6000 employes in the company with which he is connected, and has not visited the state for more than 10 years.

"Mr. Rockefeller is a long-distance

"Mr. Rockefeller is a long-distance director, not having attended a meeting of the stockholders or directors of the company in 18 years. It seems to have been his practice to select such men as he thought best for him, and there look only to them for the manthen look only to them for the man-agement without any personal knowledge of the conditions,

Money Spent In Other Sections.

"It is true that he did spend a large part of his profits coming from the Colorado Industrial Company, a part of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, in the bettering of conditions in other parts of the country, but what of that when money is gained in such a target harder to hit by a German be a target harder to hit by a German tubular to the state of the country, but what of the state o way and at such expense to the state and its people?
"Many of the miners, it is true, made

good wages, yet the scale of prices is not as high in Colorado as it is in

in Washington, said he would not agree to arbitration for the reason that he was fighting for a great principle and would sacrifice all his property for the principle of every man to be free to work for any man he pleases and on such terms as best suits the free to work for any man he pleases and on such terms as best suits the worker. Mr. Rockefeller, speaking as a director of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, not having attended a meeting of the stockholders or directors in 19 years, uttering this sentiment of liberty for the working people of his country and of the whole country, should remember that for 36 years there has been the fierc-

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est struggles among the workers of the mines of Colorado.

disturbances cannot escape their moral responsibility for conditions in and about properties in which they are interested."

"It seemed the militia was on the side of the operators in this controversy," says the report, after citing the action of the Governor in calling out the state troops, "and the evidence seems conclusively to prove such to have been the case. The sooner men armed in the service of the state learn that the men with whom they may deal may be poor and ignorant and even violators of the law, but are still human, the better it will be for all concerned."

Union Recegnition Not Necessary.

"Mr. Rockefeller was not a good judge of conditions in Colorado and knew nothing about them. He was not willing to submit to a fair board of arbitration to settle this strike. He was obstinate and the statement that he was fightling for liberty for the workingman will not bear investigation. The strike could have been settled without recognition of the union had he desired to do so, and the employes could have worked for him whether members of the union or not.

"We believe he did not desire to arbitrate and in that way end this strike and one."

would rather spend the money of the

SHIPPING AGENTS.

Tenders on Vessels Carrying

adrift penniless in England or France. Such vessels run from American ports to England and France with remounts for the allies. The men are assured they will be paid from \$15 to \$35 for their work and then supplied with a return ticket or an opportunity to work their way back on another steamer. On arriving they often fall to get the

as strikebreakers from going outside.

Declaring that the mining troubles are Nation-wide in scope, the commitcourage Americans from coming into the war zone, lured by promises of

REACH NEW YORK.

One Depends on Speed to Avoid Destruction by Submarine-Lifebonts Are Kept Over Sides.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Two trans-tiantic passenger liners that left the come ports flying flags of the ailies after the German war zone declaration was put into effect, arrived here to-day. They were the British steam-ship Cameronia, of the Anchor line, from Glasgow and Liverpool, and the French line steamship Chicago, from Havre. Both carried a large number

of passengers.
Captain Wadsworth, of the Cameronia, said that he left Liverpool for New York at 11 A. M., February 20, proceeding at full speed out of the Mersey. He said that he did not pursue a winding course for the reason that he believed a stern mark would be a target barder to bit he. from his course. All lifeboats were swung from the davits, ready for an emergency, until the British coast was left well behind.

ood wages, yet the scale of prices is officers and passengers on the Chiofficers and passengers on the Chicago said nothing unusual was seen after they left Havre. The ship was escorted by several destroyers until she was well out to sea.

Land Grant Suit Advanced.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

Defense Organization Loses Rooms in Army Building.

ORDER ISSUED BY WOOD

Authorization Said to Have Been Made Originally Through Misapprehension - Request to

Move Anticipated.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Colonel A. I. Smith, depot quartermaster at the United States Army building in this city, issued a statement today through which it became known that the newly inaugurated American Legion had been evicted from quarters obtained in the building. The legion is a new, unofficial organization whose plans to enlist 250,000 former soldiers, sailors, guardsmen and others as a first National reserve were made public Monday.

"Offices in the building were authorized for the use of the quartermaster through a misunderstanding of the purpose for which intended," reads Colonel Smith's statement. When it was ascertained that the rooms were for this

ascertained that the rooms were for this civil organization Colonel Smith realized that he, as depot quartermaster, was not authorized to grant the Ameri-can Legion this privilege, and the Quar-

termister, Eastern Department, was no-tified to that effect."

The statement concludes with the declaration that General Leonard Wood directed that the American Legion "oc-cupy rooms elsewhere for the present." On behalf of the legion it was an ounced that before the official reques was received the offices already had been moved in acordance with the original plan to occupy them only until

TWO, IMPORTANT TO CALIFORNIA'S CASE, ARE NO MORE.

Caplan and Schmidt Are to Be Brought to Court Today, and State Does Not Count on Identification.

LOS ANGELES, March 2 .- Two witnesses regarded as extremely impor-tant to the state in the prosecution of M. A. Schmidt and David Caplan, al-SHIPS ESCAPE WAR ZONE

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In leged participants in the conspiracy to blow up the Los Angeles Times building in 1910, are dead, according to reports received today at the office of the District Attorney. One of these was George H. Phillips, superintendent of the powder plant at Glant, Cal., from which the dynamite used to destroy the

Times building was purchased.

The other was Manuel Silva, a boy employe at the same establishment. Philips was brought here in 1911 to identify James B. McNamara, the confessed dynamiter, now serving a life sentence, and the District Attorney expected to call on him to view Capian and Schmidt, who are alleged to have visited the dynamite factory.

On the other hand, counsel for the accused men said that identifications would not count for much, as it was intended to have in court "half a dozen men with glass eyes, who look like Schmidt."

Arraignment of Capian and Schmidt

Arraignment of Caplan and Schmidt was again postponed today. It was said that the two men would be brought into court tomorrow.

Kaiser Will Send For.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Feb. 8.—
(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Nearly 46,000 carloads of grain, mostly wheat and rye, are stored at the Rumanian railroad stations awaiting transfer to Germany and Austria-Hungary. About half of the quantity is consigned to German mill-

Austria-Hungary. About half of the quantity is consigned to German mill-A lack of rolling-stock has operated drug store can furnish these ingredi-A lack of rotting-stock has operated signing to the stock of the second signing to the stock of the second signing 300 boxes; which are to be used then every two weeks to keep the stock of the second signing 300 boxes; which are to be used to the second signing 300 boxes; which are to be used to the second signing 300 boxes; which are to be used to the second signing and the second signing signing and the second signing and the second signing signing signing signing signing sis The first the hair soft and glossy and the scal daily 300 boxcars which are to be used in transporting the grain. The first of these have arrived. With Austriad Hungary no agreement has been reached as yet, but its share of the grain is being shipped out as rapidly as the number of cars available permits. It is said here that in lieu of certain concessions Germany will in the future observe a more liberal commercial policy with Rumania. What these

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-The "Exposition" has the soft lily flare, and buttons closely around the neck. Finished with small black but-

-The "Victorian" is made with high pleated back that fits close to the ears and is finished with dainty embroidered lapels.

-Both styles are made of the new transparent voile and show a military effect. _\$1.25 to \$2.50.

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The skirts are in the new flare style, some with side pleatings and others

-The colors in these attractive suits are sand, putty, navy, gray and black and white checks.

At \$13.95 We Offer Wednesday Some Regular \$17.50 and \$18.50 New Covert Cloth Coats

-Also models of fine wool poplin. In black, tan, navy, sand and putty. All are 42 inches long in loose and flare-back models. Some have yokes, others are plaited. Trimmings of silk bengaline and buttons. Some of these coats are lined throughout with satin, others -Third Floor lined to the waistline.





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-Also hemp hats combined with silk, and satin top hats with hemp straw brims, in plain and combination colors.

-Imported tape braid hats of a very fine quality in black only.
-Also the newest Belgian split braid hats in the new green, black, brown, navy and tan.

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-New arrivals in the very attractive military trimmings made of ostrich combined with soft feathers, each different novelty representing the headdress of officers in the various European armies. In blue, black, white, sand, Belgian blue, rose and other rich colorings. These trimmings are shown on many of the finest tailored hats.

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-Still another new style just received, in pretty fresh percales in light and dark colors, in figured patterns, stripes and ring dots. -Made in the slip-over style fastening at the side, square neck, kimono sleeves and

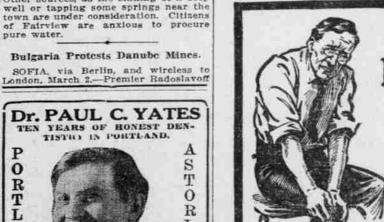
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tens to the front, making a complete house dress. Children's Coveralls, Sale 33c Sizes 6 to 14 Years

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The matter of supply has been left open at present, but tapping Bull Run plpe line near Gresham is favored.

Other sources, as the sinking of a decident of the Au-indication of the Danube and which strian, Russian and Serbian Embassies have been washed against Bulgarian protesting against the damage done by territory bordering on the river. concessions are, however, could not be



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