

### COAL COMMISSION BEGINS TO FUNCTION

#### First Step Taken in Probe of Wages and Prices.

### MACHINERY IS SET UP

#### Members, However, Conceal Plan of Procedure—Secretary Wilson and Tumulty Attend.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Preliminary arrangements for the investigation of wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry, as provided in the coal strike settlement, were made at the initial meetings today of the commission of three appointed by President Wilson.

The members of the commission—consisting of Henson of Pasadena, representing the public; Rembrandt Peale, for the operators; and John P. White, for the miners—established semi-permanent quarters in the department of labor building and were to have discussed organization.

The commissioners said the plan of procedure in the task outlined by President Wilson had not been fully worked out. They refused to discuss the questions of whether they would hold hearings or whether they would visit the coal fields.

#### Last Restriction Modified.

Director-General Hines, who has had charge of coal rationing, modified the last of the restrictions effective during the strike—that prohibiting exportation of bituminous coal. He issued an order under which the overseas movement of coal up to an amount equal to 50 per cent of the quantity exported in October may be shipped from the ports of Baltimore and Newport News.

Similar arrangements are to be placed in effect at other ports. Dumping of coal at ports will be regulated, however, through railroad embargoes on tidewater consigned coal.

The relaxation of restrictions against exportation was possible, Mr. Hines said, through steadily increased production.

#### Wilson and Tumulty Attend.

The first meeting of the president's commission was attended by Secretary of Labor Wilson and Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president.

Under the strike settlement plan agreed to by the miners, and in which it is expected the operators will participate in spite of objections made to it by the operators' association, the commission has power to fix wages and working conditions in the mines and prices of coal to the public, if its decision is unanimous.

Relaxation of export restrictions was announced by Director-General Hines in a statement which said in part:

"During the past two weeks, while production has increased, the special provisions had been made for the export of coal to Cuba, necessary there for sugar production, and to be moved to this country. In addition, a few other cargoes have been permitted by the central coal committee in order to take care of vital necessities among our allies and also of foreign consumers whose output was contracted to be shipped to the United States."

### CATHOLIC PROTEST MADE

#### OPPOSITION URGED TO SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

#### Control at Home Held Most Important Element in Education.

"Prussian Plan" Hit.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Opposition to the enactment by congress of a law which would establish a political educational autonomy at Washington was voiced today by Rev. J. J. Dean, president of Villa Nova college, at the annual conference of the Catholic Educational Association of Pennsylvania.

"The Prussian principle that the child belongs primarily to the state is still the malingerer of all our American educational legislation," Dr. Dean said. "This situation must not exist in this country or in this commonwealth. The training of the child belongs of a right to the parent, and while the state may insist upon and the parent alone should determine the ways and means by which such end may be attained.

"Strong effort is being made in the United States congress to enact a law which would establish a political educational autonomy at Washington. This bill is known as the Smith-Townner measure.

There was much opposition to it and soon another stop-gap bill was proposed, known as the Kenyon Americanization bill. By the Kenyon measure it is proposed all children cannot read, write and speak the English language shall attend Americanizing courses prescribed by the secretary of the interior.

"All this is wrong. They intend to weaken the most important element, the interest and the control of the home. We must fight against such legislation and as an aid make our own Catholic schools equal to the best."

### KLAMATH LANDS SOUGHT

#### INDIANS FORMERLY LEFT OUT ASK TIMBER TRACTS.

#### Representative Hawley Says He Favors E. B. Ashurst's Petition to Open Up Area.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—Edward E. Ashurst of Klamath Falls, Or., arrived here today to urge the Indian office to open the large area of unallotted timber lands on the Klamath Indian reservation. He will be joined in a few days by a delegation of Indians who are coming to support his plea in their behalf.

When the reservation was allotted some years ago, several Indians who had asked for grazing and agricultural lands changed their requests to timber lands. While they were counting on being allotted timber lands all of the agricultural and grazing lands were disposed of in allotments to other Indians. The government then decided to make no further allotments of timber lands than some which had been previously

without any kind of lands, and it is said they suffered hardships because they could not obtain their share of tribal funds.

Mr. Ashurst asks that the Indians who received no lands be allotted from the remaining timber lands tractual to the best agricultural allotments made to other Indians. He would then have the surplus timber lands divided equally among all Indians. The Ashurst proposal has evoked some sympathy here. Representative Hawley is inclined to give it strong support because he asserts that the Klamath Indians have not received fair treatment in the allotment of their lands and that many have been made to suffer because they could receive neither the money nor the lands due them.

### REDS WORRYING BRITAIN

#### AMERICA'S DEPORTATION PLAN NOT WELCOMED ABROAD.

#### England Doesn't Care to Get Back Some of Her Own Radicals Who Are Shipped From U. S.

BY JOSEPH W. GRIGG. (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, Dec. 29.—(Special cable.)—Unless the transport Buford's assorted cargo of anarchists is safely landed within the bolshevik lines there will be considerable anxiety in the allied countries.

America's drastic deportation experiment has attracted wide attention. As it is now reported that some of the undesirables who probably will also soon be deported are of allied nationality, there is considerable anxiety on governmental quarters here. Scotland Yard, so the World learns, is keeping in close touch with the development of America's deportation plan.

It is with no relish at all that the British government envisages the possibility of welcoming home some anarchists even too dangerous for the United States, and it is yet too early to ascertain whether or not the British government may challenge the landing of such agitators.

The strictest possible surveillance is being undertaken by American consuls in European ports to prevent any undesirables from shipping as seamen on American vessels. The World learns that Consul General Skinner is giving the matter his closest attention.

All efforts by these agitators to get aboard American merchant vessels in foreign ports have been futile. It is at the Scandinavian ports where the most of these thwarted attempts have been made.

### NOTED NEWSWRITER DIES

#### FRANK M. WHEELER, OF ASSOCIATED PRESS, SUCCEUMS.

#### Man, Who Scored "Beats" on Arrival of U-Boat in American Harbor, Passes Away.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 29.—Frank M. Wheeler, for 29 years correspondent for the Associated Press here and known as one of the best sportsmen in New England, died today. He had been in ill health for several months.

"Among the notable news 'beats' scored by Mr. Wheeler was the first announcement of the arrival in the harbor of the German submarine U-53 October 7, 1918. He received a tip that a strange craft was approaching the harbor.

From the roof of a building he 'picked up' with the aid of glasses the German imperial flag and the guns fore and aft, and flashed to the world the intelligence that a German man of war was in American waters. Then in his own motorboat he put out to the U-53 and was permitted aboard, her and learned the adventures up to that time of the undersea fighter that a day later was to work havoc among the British shipping off Nantucket shoals.

Mr. Wheeler was an expert on the navy, its personnel and its ships. He was a graduate of the old line of navy men, having served on warships of sailing days.

He wrote for the Navy Apprentice, organ of the naval training station here, then turned to the regular newspaper field and 27 years ago joined the staff of the Newport Herald. Five years later he was appointed correspondent of the Associated Press.

### STRONGER MILITIA URGED

#### Adjutant-Generals of Eight States Confer on Programme.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—Ways and means of strengthening the national guards to quell I. W. W. outbreaks and other internal disorders in the county were discussed at a conference here today of adjutant-generals of eight states.

Proposals to stimulate enlistments and to make guard units more efficient in many ways were offered.

Portland Men Get Patents.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Patents have been granted to Oregon inventors as follows: Victor Maloney, Olney, jackscrew; Julius C. Stron, Silverton, sliding door hanger; Frank A. Uptegrove, Portland, folding bed; Daniel F. McGill, Portland, valve.



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### FLOGGING IS DEFENDED

#### GENERAL UPHOLDS MARTIAL LAW DECREE IN INDIA.

#### Natives Declared to Have Jeered at British and to Have Talked of Killing White Men.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The latest newspapers received from India contain details of the investigation of the massacre of natives at Amritsar, India, last April, and the testimony given before the commission of inquiry.

General Sir William Beynon, district commander, testifying at Lahore in November, strongly upheld the introduction of martial law. He defended the action of General Dyer, commander of the troops in India, at Gallian-Walabagh and Amritsar. He said mobile columns had been sent out to impress the natives and make it clear that it was intended to keep order and to counteract false reports that British rule had ended.

Magistrate J. E. Kough testified regarding flogging. He said that only natives of good physique were chosen, 12 being flogged in one day on the same triangle. The punishment was inflicted with the usual cane.

Colonel North, who commanded the force during the riots, said that the people laughed and jeered at the British quite a month prior to the riots. Early in the morning of April a crowd of 6000 collected outside the walls of the fort. They tried to push the rails down and spat at the people inside. They stoned an officer having in the fort a waste of money to Colonel North, many used the expression, "Let us kill the white men."

Postal Changes Are Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—

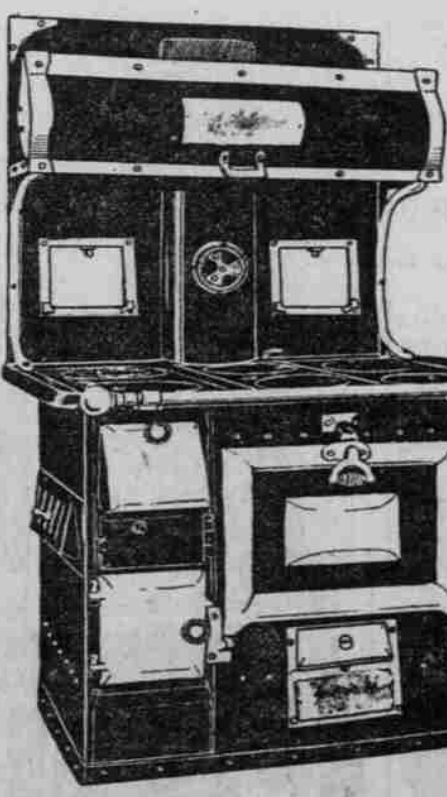
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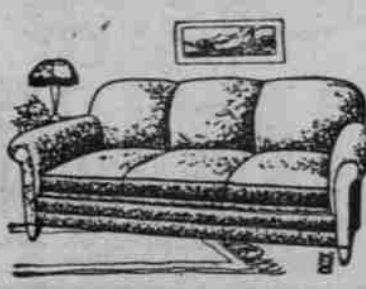
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